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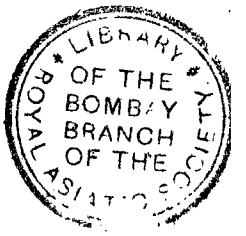

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EGMORE,
9th January 1933.

P. MACQUEEN,
Curator, Madras Record Office.

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LETTERS TO FORT ST. GEORGE, 1742

(VOLUME No. 27.)

No. 1.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

We have receiv'd Your favour of the 2^d^. instant, and shall take in what Chemanaikpollam Cloth is offer'd to us at a proportionable Abatement & put it to a N°. 4 Ordinary instead of distinguishing it from the other with the Mark of a Cross.

The supply of 10000 Star Pagodas of which we receiv'd Advice from M^r^. Secretary Savage under date the 21^st^. of last month is safe arriv'd.

Your Honour &c^a^. will observe in our Consultations of the 19^th^. & 31^st^. last month what Steps we have taken to encourage a greater Number of Inhabitants to reside in our Bounds to which we beg Leave to refer.

Herewith comes one Set of our Gen^l^. Books comming primo May 1740 ending Ult^o^. April 1741 We hope Your Honour &c^a^. will excuse their having been kept so late, Mess^rs^. Staceys & Cookes long Indisposition preventing their being transcribed sooner We send also a state of the Reveneus of the year past compar'd with those of the former.

Inclosed are our Accounts of Expences for the month of November and Consultations & Cash Account for last month, ballance whereof is in Star Pagodas fanams & Cash P^s^. 26886. 5. 45.

We are with respect

Fort S^t^. David
5^th^. Jan^ry^. 1741.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient Servants
Augustus Burton.
Edward Croke.
John Graham.
Robert Allen.
Charles Floyer.
William Holt.

No. 2.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esq^r^.
President & Gov^r^. &c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

I wrote to Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. on the 16^th^. of November and have since received Your Letter of the 12^th^. inclosing a Bill of Exchange on Jivin Doss at Metchlapatam who hath paid me Six thousand nine hundred 6900 Madrass Pagodas which is enterd in the Accounts as You Direct.

The George who hath again received in good Condition all her Bales, is Refitted and the Charges thereof shall be enterd in our next Accouut. Enclosed are the Journall Parcells and Cash Acco^{ts}. for the Months of October November & December.

I am

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient & most Humble. servant

MADDEPOLLAM
THE 5TH. JAN^{Y}. 1741/2.

JOHN HALLYBURTON.

No. 3.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT AND GOV^{R}. &C^{A}. COUNCIL AT FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

We are now to acknowledge Your honours &c^{a}. several favours to us as follows of the 20th. & 22^{d}. August ℔ Ship Beaufort of the 15th. & 16th. ditto ℔ Fanny of the 26th. ditto ℔ Wager and of the 11st. October ℔ Galatea with the Packets from Our hoñoble Masters the Invoices and the several other Papers enclosed.

The Treasure and Redwood sent us on the several Ships above mentioned hath been duly surveyed as the same arrived and came out according to Invoice.

We received the Stills by the King William which are so Old that We are afraid We shall not be able to sell them for more than the bare Price of the Metal.

We observe what Your honour &c^{a}. wrote us ℔ King William that the Troubles in your Province had been a great hindrance to your Investment so that You should not be able to assist us with more than 1000 or 1200 Bales in Aid of the heavy Tonnage sent us this Year by Our hoñble Masters and have accordingly Laden the Two Ships now dispatched to be filled up at your Port in that proportion and made up their Tonnage from hence with Salt Petre and Stores for your Presidency.

We have yet received no News of the latter Ships consigned to Coast and Bay had they arrived We should have taken due Notice of what Your Honour &c^{a}. write concerning the Goods and Stores on them for Fort S^{t}. George and acted accordingly.

We have heard nothing further (than what Your Honour &c^{a}. advised) concerning the Calcutta Grab and are in great pain for her Safety.

We have maturely considered that part of Your honour &c^{as}. Letter dated the 22^{d}. August wherein you are pleased to point out the Advantage which might accrue to Our honble Masters by having the Bullion they consign to us coined into Arcot Rupees and in Answer thereto must take the Liberty to referr you to Our Letter of the 5th. Jañry 1739/40 on this head where We have Given some reasons why We cannot possibly approve of having all our Treasure in that Specie To which we are now to add that notwithstanding your honour &c^{a}. should take the Utmost care to have the Arcott Rupees of full Weight & fineness (which is absolutely necessary to be done) yet even then they will not pass so current in many parts of this Country as the Madrass Rupees do and We apprehend it would be of very ill Consequence to our Investment in case We could not supply the Merchants with as many Madrass Rupees as are absolutely necessary to be sent to those Aurungs. As to the Bullion our Reasons for desiring so large a part of our Consignments to be in that Specie are That We are obliged to send it to our Subordinate Factorys at Cossim^{r}. and Patna for providing our Investments at those places at the first of these Futtichund (into whose hands it naturally falls) coins it into Sicca Rupees in the Muxcidavad Mint by which an Advantage arises to the Government there computed at 5 ℔ Cent as well as a Benefit to himself Therefore if We do not supply him with a large Quantity and the Revenue of the Mint is thereby less than Usual We are liable to have complaints made against

us as once happened while the President was at Cossimbuzar at which time Futtichund went very great lengths in depreciating the Value both of Madrass and Arcot Rupees and even procured a Duty to be laid on them and however unjust this method of proceeding may appear We have by long experience found that his Interest with the Government is an overmatch for ours & in a parallel case We apprehend a Complaint from the Durbar might be attended with such bad consequences to the honble Company's Affairs as the Gain[on] any Rupees would by no means ballance. These are our Sentiments on this Affair however as We have without any great Inconvenience put off the Arcot Rupees already received from your honour &c^{a}. and as so considerable a profit arises on them more than on Madrass Rupees We now request that you will in future send down the Treasure consigned to us on our honoble Masters Ships in the following proportions Viz^{t}: In Bullion one half part thereof In Madrass Rupees one fourth and in Arcot Rupees one fourth part more and this We are fully convinced is the most We can venture to do for the reasons afore Given.

In compliance with Our honoble Masters Commands we put 300 Tons Salt Petre and 60 Tons Redwood on the London for Bencoolen with the Taffatys Ophium Salt Rice and several other stores as ℔ Your List of which the Captain returned ten Casks of the Oyl and was Protested against for it by the Gentleman who dispatched him and We have advised our honble Masters of it in our Address to them Captain Bootle requested 500 Bags surplus Petre on Charter party conditions which We granted and sent the Gentlemen at Fort Marlborough a seperate Bill of Lading for it to be transmitted to the honble the Court of Directors in their Packett.

Our honoble Masters (as you remark) recommended our sending some Bale Goods on this Ship to assist the Gentle[men] at the West Coast in case we could spare them but as We had (at her departure) six ships Viz^{t}: the Bedford Prince of Orange Beaufort King William Nassaue & Wager on hand and were in expectation of the Arrival of the Scarborough Adm^{l}. Vernon and Kent to be dispatched from hence & your place We found on a Calculate of the Goods contracted for that We were not in Circumstances to do it especially as Your honour &c^{a}. had wrote that you should not be able to assist us with more than 1000 or 1200 Bales for the ships to be filled up by You.

We remarked your honour &c^{a}: request to send Twenty European soldiers from hence to Fort Marlbrô and did the Utmost in our power to raise them for that service but found it impracticable and being Obliged to have large detachments at our subordinates on Account the Dispute again renewd between our subah and Musseid Cooly Cawn to protect our Honoble Masters Estate at those places made it impossible for us to send any from our Garrison and the Detention of the Men sent us on the Prince of Orange & Wager hath left us scarce Centinels sufficient to do the necessary and common Duty of the place.

In our Instructions to Captain Bootle We directed him to call in at Moco Moco to take in what Pepper might be ready there as your Honour &c^{a}: desired.

In your favour of the 15th. September your honour &c^{a}. desire some Superfine or fine scarlet Broad Cloth if We could spare any from our own stores also to send up what dyed or Culjeed Flannells We might receive from England provided they would not Fetch 50 ℔ Cent with us of the first of these Articles We have not received Sufficient by the Ships hitherto to serve our Occasions and as to the latter what We have already received having sold for upwards of 26. 9. Current Rupees ℔ peice at a medium We find it will not be worth while (should any more arrive on our latter ships) to send them up to your Presidency as they sell so well here.

We are pleased that your honour &c^{a}. have received the Baftaes and Sannoes sent You on ship Mercury The Troubles in the Country hath hindered the remainder of these Goods from coming in but We shall be sure to send them as soon as they can possibly be procured.

We advised Your Honour &c^{a}. in ours of the 12th. May that our Subah (Alliverdee Cawn) was then returned from the Defeat of Musseid Cooly Cawn and that he had settled his Nephew Sciad Hamet Cawn in the City of Cuttack and appointed him Naib Subah of that Province after this Musseid Cooly Cawn found means with the assistance of some of the Rajahs again to make head against the Subah and his General Backer Ally Cawn by stratagem seized the City of Cuttack and made Sciad hamet Cawn with his Family Prisoners there The Nabob on this raised a numerous Army with which he advanced and on his approach near Ballasore All the Merchants & Weavers fled which proved a hindrance to the Goods coming in at that Place as it hath done from all others near the rout of his Army. The Phousdar left by Musseid Cooly Cawn in Ballasore quitted the Town and left it open for the Nabob to enter without opposition who hath since pass'd it and is continuing his March to Cuttack as his Forces are (as We hear) much Superiour to the others We hope this Dispute will be speedily Ended and the Country again settled.

We now Dispatch to Your hon^{r}. &c^{a}. our hoñble Masters Ships the King William Captain James Saunders and the Wager Cap^{t}. Charles Raymond.

On the first of these We have Laden sundry Goods and Merchandize for Europe and consigned to our hoñble Masters as ℔ Abstract of her Invoice in the Packett amounting to Current Rupees 361800. also 1110 Bags of Salt Petre with sundry other stores for your Presidency as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading Enclosed amounting to Curr^{t}. Rupees 12950.

On the Wager we have laden sundry Goods & Merchandize for Europe as ℔ Abstract of the Invoice in her Packett amounting to Current Rupees 354900. with 1110 Bags of Salt Petre and sundry other Stores for your Presidency as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading in said Packett amounting to Curr^{t}. Rup^{s}. 38070.

We send your honour &c^{a}. in the Different Ships Packett Copys of their Charter-partys Manifests of Goods Landed here from them Manifests of private Trade laden on those Ships by the Captains from hence and all other papers relating to them necessary for your Inspection & Notice.

On the 11th. Instant were dispatched from hence Our honoble Masters Ships the Bedford Prince of Orange and Beaufort directly for England and they received their last Dispatches from Ingellee the 17th. The Nassau We are Loading and shall send her away very Shortly.

We have had for sometime under consideration what to do with the Goods likely to remain on hand by the Scarborough Admiral Vernon and Kent not arriving but thought proper to wait as long as the Season would permit before We determined thereon and after having had the Sentiments of our Europe Commanders and duely consider'd the great uncertainty of their Importing here in time to be dispatched home this Season with the probability of one or more of them being obliged to call at Madrass on Account the length of their Passage We have therefore resolved to send your honour &c^{a}. a sufficient Number of Bales and of the proper Sortments to complete one Ships Cargoe allowing for Two hundred Tons Salt petre and the Charter party proportion of Redwood of these Goods We have Laden 143 Bales on the Wager instead of the 10000 Gunneys designed on her, the Princess Augusta (which Ship we detained on this Account) will be dispatched in a few Dayes more with Salt Petre and a further part of them and the Remainder shall be sent on some of our Sloops as soon as they can be got ready and We doubt not these Goods will arrive early enough with Your honour &c^{a}. to dispatch one of the Missing ships (Should any of them fall in at Madrass) in Charterparty time.

As we apprehend your Honour &c^{a}. will be in want of a further Qnantity of Salt Petre for your Septem^{r}. Ships We must therefore request you will please to return us the Princess Augusta and the Sloops as soon as possible for that Service and to carry what Bales may Remain on hand at the End of the season conformable to our hoñble Masters Directions in such Case.

Having a very large stock of Redwood on hand We must Request your honr. &ca. to send us only 5000 Maunds for the Ensuing Season.

As We shall be forced to take up very large Sums at Interest for the carrying on our honble Masters Investment the next Year We must therefore earnestly request that your honour &ca. will supply us with what Treasure you can possibly spare from your own Occasions.

Being in great Want of Chairs and Couches for the Use of the Factory here We request your honour &ca. will please to order 12 Dozen of small Chairs three Dozen of Arm Chairs and Twelve Couches to be made and sent us as opportunity presents.

John Halsey Esqr. and Mr. Solomon Margas having been in an ill state of health for sometime We have (on their request) permitted them to go up on these Ships to Madrass for the Recovery thereof.

We are

HoÑble Sir & Sirs

Your most humble Servants

Thomas Braddyll.
John Forston. [*sic*]
William Davis.
William Barwell.
John Halsey.

Fort William
the 22d. Decemr. 1741.

List of the Packet to Fort St. George ℔ Wager.

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4. Bill of Lading for Ditto.
5. Abstract of the Wagers Invoice for Europe amount to CR 354900.
6. Accot. Tonnage of Ditto.
7. Copy ship Wagers Charter party.
8. Manifest of Private Trade landed from Wager.
9. Manifest of Private Trade landed on Do. by Capt. Raymond.
10. Copy Capt. Raymonds sailing Orders.
11. King William 2d. Bill of Loading for Stores to Madrass.

J. Rumb

No. 4.

To the HoÑble Richard Benyon Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council at Fort St. George.

HoÑble Sir & Sirs

Since closing our Advices by these Ships We have receiv'd a Letter from Cossimbuzar with Copy of another which Hodjee hamet Ordered to be transmitted to us and is from Monickchund (the Rajah of Budwans Duan) to his Master dated the 10th. Inst. Giving an Accot. That on Alliverdee Cawns arrival at Collyeera with his Troops he ordered two or three Jemindars with their Commands out in search of his Nephew Seiad hamet Cawn who advanced as farr as Riapoor where an Engagement Ensued between them and Backer Ally Cawn who was defeated and himself and Family taken Prisoners; by this Engagement Seiad hamet Cawn was Restored to his Liberty a great number of Backer Cawns Forces were killed on the spot and the remainder fled.

By this Victory of our Subah we hope that province will be soon Reduced to his Obedience and the Country again Settled.

We are

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most humble Servants

FORT WILLIAM
THE 23D. DECEMR. 1741.

THOMAS BRADDYLL.
JOHN FORSTER.
WILLIAM DAVIS.
WILLIAM BARWELL.
JOHN HALSEY.

No. 5.

TO THE HONBLE. RICHARD BENYON ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

The President & Council of Bengall having Appointed me to dispatch The Ship Wager Captain Charles Raymond to Your Presidency I accordingly left Calcutta the 23d. Instant and Arrived on Board the 26th. and the Captain having taken on board all the Goods designed for your Presidency Excepting Forty Seven Bales of Gurrahs, which I have Endorsed off his Bills of Lading I have Protested against the Captain for the Deficiency of the Tonnage he ought to have taken on Board Agreeable to Charter Party a Copy of which I send Enclosed There is likewise One Bag of Salt petre returned being Damaged which I have Endorsed off his Bill of Lading. The Captain having Signed all his Bills of Lading I have this day deliver'd him his Dispatches The Ship now draws Nineteen Feet six Inches Abaft & Eighteen Feet four Inches forward I wish the ship a safe Passage to your Honr. &ca. and am

HOÑBLE SIR AND SIRS

Your Most Obedient Humble Servant
HUMY. BELLAMY.

ON BOARD SHIP WAGER
OFF INGELLEE

DECEMR. THE 28TH. 1741.

I Humphrey Bellamy In Behalf of the Hoñble the United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies Do Protest against you Captain Charles Raymond commander of the Ship Wager in the Service of the said Company and The Owners of the said Ship for any Damage that may Accrue to the said Company for not taking on Board Forty Seven Bales part of the Cargoe of Said Ship, and is so much deficient of the Tonnage You ought to have taken on Board Agreeable to Charter Party. Dated on Board the said ship Wager off Ingellee This 28th. Day of December 1741.

HUM: BELLAMY.

Deliver'd in the Presence of
WILLIAM FFYTCHE.

LIST OF THE PACKET FOR FORT ST. GEORGE ℔ SHIP KING WILLIAM.

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4. Bill of Lading for Ditto.
5. Abstract of the Ship King William's Invoice for Europe amot. to CRs. 361800.

6. Account Tonnage of Ditto.
7. Copy King William's Charter Party.
8. Manifest of private Trade Laden on King William by Capt. Saunder
9. Copy Capt. James Saunders Sailing Orders.
10. Ship Wagers 2d. Bill of Lading for Stores & Bales to Madrass.

J. Rumbold.

No. 6.

To the Honble. Richard Benyon Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

The Presidt. & Councill having appointed me to dispatch the Ship King William Capt. James Saunders to your presidency I accordingly left Calcutta the 23d. Instant and Arrived on board the 26th. and the Capt. having taken on board all the Goods design'd for your presidency expecting [*sic*] sixteen bags of Saltpetre which were damag'd which I have endors'd off his bills of Loading, The Capt. having signed all his bills [*sic*] Lading I have [this] day delivered him dispatches, the ship draws Nineteen Foot & three Inches abaft & Eighteen Foot & Ten Inches forward I wish the Ship a safe passage to your Honr. &ca. & am with respect

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Humble Servant
Hum : Bellamy.

Ship King William
Off Ingelly the 28th. Decr. 1741.

No. 7.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council att Fort St. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Our last to Your Honour &ca. was under the 26th. May, which we perceive duly came to hand, & we are now to confess receipt of your favours of the 18th. June, 21st. July & 2d. October, which last we received the 14th. Instant.

Our Hoñble Masters ship Fort St. George from Great Brittain arrived here the 2d. August, and the Nassau on the 5th. who after landing her Cargoe we dispatched directly to the Bay the 22d. of that Month, The Onslow having been detained some time at Madagascar, imported the 8th. September and the Queen Caroline also on the 29th. The Fort St. George we dispatched home the 26th. Ultimo and the Queen Caroline who is now employed to Surat, we propose so soon as she comes back to return with all possible expedition to Europe, and hope to send her hence in all the succeeding Month.

Your Honour &ca. have undoubtedly heard of the revolt of the Arabs who were employed in Shaw Nadir's Fleet and of their seizing and carrying the whole to certain Islands up the Gulph, where they hitherto remain unsubdued, From this incident the Persians seem more than ever inclined to procure a large Sea Force, and the most strenuous sollicitations were made to us, for furnishing them with Shipping, Nor cou'd we at length avoid purchasing two for their service and which we have accordingly sent them, But here we must remark to Your Honour &ca. that as Shaw Nadir seems bent on having a considerable Naval strength, so we apprehend it can never be consistent with the Interest of Our Nation to aid the prosecution of such a design, and indeed nothing but the last necessity & a view of benefitting Our Hoñble Masters Affairs & Interest could have induced us to the above Step, and therefore to prevent the Evils that must sooner or later ensue, should the private Traders be left at liberty to dispose of the Shipping they employ, we have come to a resolution that no ship or Vessel be permitted to proceed hence to the Gulph of Persia, Scindy or Muscatt untill the Owners have previously passed a Bond under a

Penalty of Forty Thousand Rupees (40000) not to permit of the sale of such Vessel without licence from the Company's Agent and Council at Gombroon, or the President & Council here, the reasonableness of such a prohibition we presume will readily occur to Your Honour &c^{a}. & being so consistent with the sentiments of Our Hoñble Masters, expressed in their Command's by the Wyndham Paragraph the 22^{d}. under the 11th. March 1735/6 (Copy whereof comes enclosed) we flatter Ourselves you will with us, think it the best means of prevention, & in future see the same be conformed to by all under your direction.

We know not how to refuse M^{r}. Waters's request to remain at your place, especially as Your Honour &c^{a}. represent the want of a person of his skill in Gunnery, and tho' it is certain we have but few equally exprienced [*sic*], we are willing to submit to the inconvenience in regard to Your desire, and by the Fort S^{t}. George we have sent another for the service of Anjengo.

Our Gentlemen at Gombroon write, that the Ceres Cap^{t}. Mylne belonging to Your Port, being at Bouchier, they had wrote the Commander that shoul'd he not call at Gombroon in his way down the Gulph, in such case to remit the Amount of the Customs with an attested Account of his Sales, to Our Hoñble Masters Resident at Bussorah, but as we know not whether that has been complied with, we request Your Honour &c^{a}. will please to make an enquiry into the matter, & if the Duties have not been regularly accounted then to receive the same being 2 ℔ C^{t}. on the real sale, And this leads us to mention the application by Our Gentlemen the past Year on a like subject with respect to the Ship Galatea to which Your Honour &c^{a}. have not as yet favoured them with any reply, Our Honble Masters Confirmation of the Order for collecting Duties on all Goods sold at any Port within the Gulph of Persia in the same manner as if disposed of at Gombroon is contained in the 103^{d}. Para^{h}. of their Commands ℔^{r}. Fort S^{t}. George, copy whereof is enclosed, which you will please to signify to the private Traders that may be hereafter bound that way, that they render a due Observance.

The two Boats requested in yours of the 2^{d}. October, we have directed to be set about agreeable to the Dimensions you therein specify and we hope they will be in readiness to proceed with the shipping in the Month of April, & we shall then be mindfull to engage a couple of good Tindals for their future Navigation agreeable to Your desire.

We are very much obliged for the advices you have sent us, and we learn by a Ship lately imported at Goa, leaving Lisbon the 1st. June last NS. that France had not engaged against us, and 'twas apprehended the troubles in the Empire, would be amicably adjusted, the Prussian Forces being quite defeated & it was thought the King was made Prisoner.

The great force said to be brought in the Three French Ships to Pondicherry & reported to be going to Myhie, fill us with apprehensions for our Settlement of Tellicherry, whither we presume you have pleased to forward the same News, as we shall do by a Boat now on departure thither, Experience has shown, this Nation will pay little regard to our Priviledges, when in their power to destroy them, & indeed we cannot help being pretty much alarmed, should your Honour &c^{a}. receive any farther information that may be of use for us to know, We beg you will impart them with speed to us as well as to Tellicherry.

We are

Hoñble Sir & Sirs,
Your most humble Servants

Bombay Castle
November 21$_{st}$. 1741.

Stephen Law.
John Geekie.
John Morley.
" "
George Dudley.

COPY OF THE 22D. PARA. OF THE HONBLE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THEIR COMMANDS OF THE 11TH. OF MARCH 1735/6 RECEIVED THE 17TH. OF AUGUST 1736 ℔ SHIP WYNDHAM.

By our Ships Bound to the Coast and Bay, We have sent Directions, that the Owners and Masters off [*sic*] all Ships bound for Persia should enter into Bond under severe penalty, not to sell or Dispose of them to the Country Government there and by your falling into the same Method, the bad Consequences which are apprehended from some of your people falling into such a Practice will effectually be prevented. look [*sic*] and Weddell must be sever[e]ly repremanded, for presuming to act in such a manner without Consulting our Agents, and if any should presume to follow their Steps send them home as a punishment.

COPY OF THE 103D. PARAGRAPH OF THE HONBLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS THEIR COMMANDS DATED THE 6TH. FEBRUARY 1740 ℔ SHIP FORT ST. GEORGE.

We approve and confirm the Standing Order made for paying Dutys on Goods sold a Bunder Bouchier and other parts of the Gulph of Persia in the same Manner as at Gombroon the Owners enjoying Our Protection as You will Observe, throughout the Gulph but we do not judge proper to Restrain the Country ships to Unload at Gombroon only, as that would be a great Hardship upon Trade.

Attested Copy

℔ SAMUEL PRICE,
Secry.

No. 8.

TO THE HONBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We now return the Pattamars by whom your Honour &ca. sent a Packett for the President and Council of Bombay, whose answer we now enclose you they arrived here the 5th. Instant.

Yesterday arrived a Dingey from Gombroon which brought advices that a certain Master of a Vessell in the English service, had received from Mr. Dorril, during his stay at Bunder Bouchier namely, That Admiral Vernon took Carthagena the 1st. of April 1741 and burnt and Sunk Sixteen Spanish men of Warr & Galleons. The Admiral had also taken upwards of fifty Millions of peices of Eight his fleet consisting of fifty four Sail of Ships & only with the loss of four Hundred men, which Entorprize has so animated our sailors & soldiers to such a degree that the Havanah is expected to be ours in a short time.

We are with the utmost Respect

SURAT,
NOVEMR. THE 30TH. 1741.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
JAMES HOPE.
WILLIAM LOWTHER.
WILLIAM JOHNSON.
JAMES HENRY LAMBE.
JOHN BURCHALL.
EDWARD HOPE.

No. 9.

TO THE HONBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The dispatch of the Ships for Europe drawing near, we now send such papers and Accounts as are yearly sent home to our Honble Masters, and it being customary to give Your Honour &ca. a summary Account of the past years Transactions at this place we shall accordingly deliver the same under the following establish'd Heads.

INVESTMENT.

Your Honour &c^{a}. will observe by our Brokers and Andiapahs Accounts inclos'd of what Cloth brought in that we have provided to the last of December 1226 One thousand two hundred & twenty six Bales, 11, Eleven whereof were sent to England by the Prince William last January, and 336 Three huudred & thirty six since to Fort S^{t}. George on several Conveyances, as by the respective Invoices and that bought with the Allumpara Pagodas is abundantly cheaper, if you reckon according to the different values of the money.

We have now 437 Four hundred & thirty seven bales already embaled to several numbers as annex'd to the Foot of this Letter : The same is brought to the Brokers Credit with what is under Cure in the number of peices brought in by them, calculated every Article at the medium price of what it cost ℔ Corge. We shall put the exact price to each number, agreeable to this Calculation in the Invoice when the remainder is sorted & ready to be shipp'd off, including the Land Custom & Dustore 2¼ P^{r}. Cent on each sort of Cloth as usual, which the Prokers [*sic*] are not debted for in our Books, but on the blue Cloth only.

We shall take in the Chemanaikpollam Cloth set a part by us at a proportionable Abatement as was offer'd us by the Brokers, and put it to a N°. 4 Ordinary instead of the Mark of the Cross upon the Bales, agreeable to your Order of the 2^{d}. instant, which will be distinguish'd from the rest of the Cloth by the price it stands at in the Invoice.

We have agreeable to your permission in your favour of the 12th. October last paid Star Pagodas for the Salem Cloth, which turns out also cheaper than the former year, and is still a good & substantial Cloth. The same we may say of every part of the Investment. Your Honour &c^{a}. must very well know the Impediments we have had from the Morattas, without our mentioning them, which almost put a total stop to our Investment in the beginning of the year, and it was not till about five or six months ago that we made any Progress in it. We shoud not have doubted else of making a much larger provision of Bales. We have now advice of about 100 One hundred Oxen from Salem being upon the Road, which we hope will come in soon enough to have it got cured against the dispatch of the ships to England.

We have embaled as yet, no more than 120 One hundred & twenty Corge of the Soot Romalls, and turn'd out a large quantity in the Sorting, and cou'd only take in one Bale upon an abatement for short Measure about half a Covid in the length and half an inch in the breadth in a whole peice of 15 Handkerchiefs, it being equally as good as the other. What has been returnd on the Brokers hands is not any ways fit for our Hoñble Masters Use. As this is a Commodity fit for any Market in India, the Dutch readily snatch at all we reject for a very small Matter less than what we give for it Therefore if we had but little more time allowed us we cou'd with a great deal of ease get not only the quantity indented but possibly better Cloth for the same price. We have but four Corge come in of the 400 Peices of the read [*sic*] Sort and expect the remainder in a few days Your Honour &c^{t}. will observe by our Brokers Account of Cloth brought in by them that the Soot Romalls is purchased with the Star Pagodas and that of Andiapahs with the Allumpara ; the difference in the Batta makes about 20 ℔ cent, and it comes out cheaper than that of last year.

Our Brokers have at last brought in the 3000 peices indented for of Middling Cloth for the Dye, but we were obliged to return upon their hands above 40 Bales, before we cou'd make up that Quantity. The Deputy Governour being dubious some time ago of their performance in this Article and the former desir'd Andiapah to endeavour to bring in what he cou'd of both Sorts to be made in different parts of the Country from those our Merchants were employed in. Your Honour &c^{a}. will see in his Acc^{t}. of Cloth inclosed 8 Bales of Middling brought in by him, purchased with the Star Pagodas, which we hope will not be unacceptable to our Hoñble Masters. We must further observe to Your Honour &c^{a}. that if we have more time allowed us to provide this Sort of Cloth also the same reason may be given for it as the Soot Romalls ; thô both of them not inferiour to those of last year ; besides the Loss our Brokers must inevitably suffer, by having a large ballance in the Weavers hands, which they cannot receive from them but in Cloth.

In our Letter of the 19th. Septemr. we advised Your Honour &ca. that we had prevail'd upon Andiapah to provide Cloth for our Honble Masters. We have from that time advanc'd him 7000 Seven thousand Allumpara Pagodas, and 2000 two thousand Star; the ballance due from him as you will see by the accompanying Account Current is star Pagos. 1406. 12. 48 and Allumpara 425. 31. 29 and the Ballance due from our Brokers as ℔ their Account inclos'd is Star Pags. 6571. 32. 46 and Allumpara 13307. 11. 21.

REVENUES.

Our weighing and Measuring Farm expir'd the 30th. of April last, but no one offering to take it again upon the old Terms, we directed Nella Tomby to collect the Rent of it which he did till the 1st. of November last, when we let it out again to Tondaroy Pilla and Narrain Chitty at the former rate.

Our Arrack Farm continued under our Storekeepers Management for some time, not having been able to prevail upon any One to take it and we were very glad that we had an opportunity of letting it out again the 1st. of November last upon the usual terms to Tondaroy Pilla & Narrain Chitty.

We let out the Beetle & Tobacco Farm the 1st. of Decemr. last for five years to Sadashavarow & Irzapah Chitty for 1500 Pags. ℔ Annum, and we do not find that the Inhabitants have been made at all uneasy by our resuming this part of the Honble Company's Revenue.

CUSTOMS.

We must refer the increase of the Customs this year Pags. 2180. 20. 37 to that of the last to the Accomptant's Report, and the Customr. of Cuddalore's Accounts which come inclosed. Your Honr. &ca. will see from thence that it chiefly rose from the Encouragement given to the several Porto Novo Merchants and others to come and reside under our Honble Masters Protection. We promise your Honour &ca. that nothing shall be wanting on our Parts to persuade and keep them to the resolution they have now taken to become our Inhabitants, they having accordingly requested Liberty to purchase Ground to build upon. You will see what we have done thereupon in our Consultation of the 19th. Ulto. and the Committee of the Councils Report concerning it, enter'd after our Consultation of the 31st. of the same month.

EXPENCES.

We must beg leave to refer your Honr. &ca. to the Accountants Report inclosed for the Exceedings of the whole years Charge of this Settlement Pags. 13606. 8. 67 to that of last year, extracted from our Genl. Books ending Ultimo April 1741 abstracting the decrease from the former years Books Pags. 585. 1. 6 Account Presents.

BUILDINGS.

We have done very little to the Faussebray since we advised you of the State of it the 14th. of September last where your Honr. &ca. are acquainted with the reasons of this work being increased in the Expence beyond the first Plan We are getting all the Materials ready to go on with it, when the Season will permit.

The powder Magazine & Grainery are raised very little above their Foundations, as we esteem'd it necessary that the work shou'd have time to settle. We shall continue this Building when the Monsoon is over and will take care that it be strong & lasting.

Our Godowns near the River Side are not yet finsh'd [*sic*] however we beleive they will not exceed the first Calculate.

We granted to Capt. John De Morgan the 31st. August last a peice of Waste Ground near the Hospital, for which he pays the usual Acknowledgment of 1 Pag; Per Annum.

DEBTS.

This Head stands in our Books as it did the last Year.

COVENANTED SERVANTS.

The Worshipfull James Hubbard Esq^{r}. died the 10th. Aug^{t}. last, and the present Deputy Gov^{r}. succeeded him the 22^{d}. of the same month and took charge of the Cash the 24th.

Mess^{rs}. Graham & Holt took their Seats at our Board the 16th. October last in the room of Mess^{rs}. Eyre & Harris whom your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. ord^{d}. up of Council at Fort S^{t}. George. M^{r}. Graham succeeded M^{r}. Harris at Cuddalore, M^{r}. Floyer, succeeded M^{r}. Eyre in the Paymasters Employ, & M^{r}. Holt, M^{r}. Floyer in the Storekeeper's.

M^{r}. Zachariah Foxall died the 16th. of June last, and we were advised of M^{r}. Stacey's death in your favour of the 29th. Septem^{r}. The nett Ballance of his Estate being Pag^{s}. 15. 25. 55 we have receiv'd and transferr'd to the Head of Account Current Fort S^{t}. George.

We have agreeable to your Orders of the 29th. Sep^{r}. paid M^{r}. Robert Sloper 10 Pag^{s}. a month from the 27th. July as a monthly Writer M^{r}. Alexander Wynch Writer did not commence upon the Usual Allowance till the month of October.

MILITARY & PEONS.

We send inclosed the Muster Roll of the Military & Gunroom, by which you will see their present State. We have received but a small Recruit this year, and with what we receiv'd last does not make up our Compliment, which when full is not sufficient for all the Works we have to maintain.

Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will observe upon our Consultations in Nov^{r}. what we have done in relation to the Military Regulations our Honble Masters directed to be communicated to us to which we beg leave to refer.

As to our Peons we entertain no more of them than what are absolutely necessary to be assisting in the Investment and to watch the several Mettahs round our Bounds, and to take care of some of the Out Guards evacuated by our Soldiers for want of more Men to maintain them which when we are better supplied with, we shall be able to discharge some of the Peons.

SUPPLEMENT.

Sloop Corolina has been lately refitted, and kept at the mouth of the Bar ready to be put to Sea on the first Fresh, But as we have had none come down this Season, and indeed hardly any rain at all, we are afraid that we shall not be able to get her out, except a Fresh shou'd come down in April, as it sometimes happens. We shall be obliged to receive your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. directions whether to keep her where she lies or to haul her upon shore close to the place she now is, and make a Cadjan Covering over her to keep her from the Sun. The cost of refitting of her comes in the Packet.

We have sent Your Honour &c^{a}. a List which comes in the Packet of the French Ships arriving at and sailing from Pondicherry with their several Cargoes annex'd to it. We have not been appriz'd that they have made any Contract for Calicoes this year with their Merchants. But we hear that they exchange Star Pagodas, which is current there now into Allumpara, and purchase Cloth with it at the same places our Cloth comes from, chiefly consisting of Long Cloths and Salampores Ordinary for the Dye account the French Company, and the Star Pagodas to Salem. And as for the Company's Payments and Receipts, they are all issued out there in Rupees after the rate of 320 ℔ 100 Pagodas.

We are with must respect

oñble SIR AND SIRS

Your most obedient Servants

AUGUSTUS BURTON.
EDWARD CROKE.
JOHN GRAHAM.
ROBERT ALLEN.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
11TH. JAN^{RY}. 1741.2

List of the Bales.

			bs.	
Long Cloth fine 1st. sort N°.	1	.. .. ..	14	
	2	.. .. ..	1	
			—	15
Long Cloth fine 2d. sort N°.	1	.. .. ..	3	
	2	.. .. ..	1	
			—	4
Long Cloth Salem N°.	1	.. .. ..	17	
	2	.. .. ..	48	
	3	.. .. ..	38	
	4	.. .. ..	8	
			—	111
Long Cloth Chemm. N°.	1	.. .. ..	6	
	2	.. .. ..	30	
	3	.. .. ..	89	
	4	.. .. ..	82	
			—	207
Long Cloth Worriorpm. N°.	1	.. .. ..	4	
	2	.. .. ..	10	
	3	.. .. ..	7	
			—	21
Long Cloth Ordinary N°.	2	.. .. ..	..	1
Salampores Ordy. N°.	1	.. .. ..	4	
	2	.. .. ..	10	
	3	.. .. ..	5	
			—	19
Long Cloth Middling blue	1	.. .. ..	32	
	2	.. .. ..	10	
	3	.. .. ..	2	
			—	44
Soot Romalls ..	..	.. .. ..	14	
D°. Short Measure	..	.. .. ..	1	
			—	15
				437

1. List of the Packet to Fort St. George.
2. Annual Letter to Fort St. George dated 11th. Janry. 1741.
3. Account Cash advanc'd the Brokers and cloth brought in by them on the Investment for the year 1741.
4. Nella Tomby &ca. Brokers Account Current for the year 1741.
5. Andiapahs Account Cash advanc'd & Cloth brought in by him on the Investment for the year 1741.
6. Andiapahs Account Current for the year 1741.
7. List of Marriages Births & Burials for the year 1741.
8. List of the Hoñble Company's Covenanted Servants.
9. Surgeons Indent for Medicines for the year 1743.
10. Muster Roll of the two Companys of Soldiers & Gunroom Crew.
11. Calculate of the Expences & Revenues of this Settlement for the year 1741 compard with those of the former.
12. List of Debts standing out in our Genl. Books Letter OO ending April 1741.
13. List of the Hoñble Company's Revenues for the year 1741.
14. Cuddalore Land Customers Account for the year 1741.
15. Cuddalore Sea Customers Account for the year 1741.
16. Tevenepatam sea & land Customers Account for the year 1741.
17. Account Disbursements on the Sloop Carolina in the year 1740 & 1741.
18. List of the Ships from France arriv'd & sail'd from Pondicherry with their Cargoes.

BOOKS.

Sea & Land Customs of Tevnepatam 1741.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
JAN^{RY}. 1741.
JOSEPH FOWKE.

N^{o}. 10.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOV^{R}. &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

I wrote Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. on the 5th. by the George who Saild the 6th. with a fair Gale this Encloses Duplicates of that Letter and the Cash and Months Accounts for October November and December which likewise went by her.

I have now Dispatch'd the Fort S^{t}. George Brigantine with Eighty One Bales on the Hoñble Companys Acco^{t}. twenty two of which are not inserted in the Enclosed Invoice having been provided and Packd up by M^{r}. Joseph Goddard Deceasd before my Arrival here, and are to be Distinguished from those Pack'd up by me which are Sorted to Numbers and mark'd Accordingly.

I have given Orders to the Master of this Vessell [to] stop at Metchlap^{m}. and take in the Hoñble Companys Goods that [should] be found ready there they are Packd up in Bales and the Quantity [is] mentiond in a List enclos'd but having as yet receiv'd no Advice [how] much is come in and Sorted Since I cannot pretend to make out a perfect Invoice and have therefore only Let down the Prices of each Sortment without Adding up any Sum as being Ignorant howmuch more the Risque may Amount to, that Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. may thereby know how to enter them in Case they should go to Europe by the January Shipping.

We have a Strong Report that the Morattas are beyond Hydrabadt [*sic*] and coming into this Country, whether it be so or not I shall endeavour with all Speed to get the Company's Money out of the hands of their Merchants and have already Provided a Sloop for their Cash Chest and other Effects in this Factory, as it is better to be two Secure in such Circumstances than to meet with a Surprize. Should Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. approve of this I beg you will write me so together with such further Orders as you shall think necessary for Regulating my Conduct in future. I am with Respect.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Most Obedient and Most
Humble Servant
JOHN HALLYBURTON.

MADDAPOLLAM
THE 8TH. JAN^{RY}. 1741-2.

INDENT OF SUNDRYS WANTED AT MADDAPOLLAM.

BROAD CLOTH Scarlet Sup^{r}. fine	.. .. ..	2	Peices.
D^{o}. D^{o}. Fine	.. .. ..	3	..
Green D^{o}.	.. .. ..	2	..
		— 7	Peices.
STATIONARY WARE.			
Powder	.. .. ..	½	Barrel.
Padlocks of different Sorts ..	.. .. ..	6	
Wood Oyl	.. .. ..	4	Jarrs
White and Red Lead ..	.. .. ..	½	maund Each.
Tarr	.. .. ..	1	Barrel.

MADDAPOLLAM
JAN^{RY}. 3$_{D}$. 1741.

No. 11.

To the Honble Richard Benyon Esqr.
President & Govr. &cr. Council of Fort Sr. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have receivd Your Honr. &ca's. favour of the 15th. instant. As for the Chemanaikpollam Cloth offer'd us by the Brokers at a proportionable Abatement there are not above 20 Bales that will be any ways answerable to the price they offer it at of 41½ Allumpara Pagodas ℔ Corge. As far as we cou'd judge when it was brown it would not sort to any of our usual Numbers, and therefore we proposed to make it to a No. 4 Ordinary, thô we have not before descended to so low a Number of the Ordinary Long Cloths.

We shall take Care to put on board the Wager no more of the blue Cloth than what was indented for, except we shou'd receive your Order of supplying her with a Surplus Tonnage,and not even then; if we have sufficient of other Sorts. The remainder of it we shall keep in part of the present years Investment, according to your Honour &cas. Orders.

We have now embaled about 600 Bales and will make all the dispatch we can to get ready as many more as possible against the Arrival of the Wager, and wait Your further Order concerning them.

Our General Books and all such other papers as shall be necessary, we shall send to England by the Wager. We are

Fort Sr. David
18th. Janry. 1741-2.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Servants
Augs. Burton.
dward Croke.
ohn Graham.
obert Allen.
Charles Floyer.
William Holt.

No. 12.

To the Honble Richard Benyon Esqr.
President & Governour &cA. Council of Fort Sr. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Enclosed is Duplicate of what we wrote your Honr. &cs. Under the 21st. Ultimo, to which we have not to add, with immediate relation to Our Honble Masters Affairs.

By Advices from the Agent and Council at Gombroon we learn that Admiral Vernon with fifty four Sail of Men of Warr had taken Carthagena in the West Indies, from the spaniards, on the first of April last, with a Plunder of Fifty millions of Pieces of Eight and afterwards proceeded to the Island Cuba, so that some Notable attempt is Expected will be made on the Havanna, The Loss Sustain'd on Our parts, at The reduction of Carthagena, is said to be no more than five Officers, and four hundred Private Men, for this Extraordinary Success, Publick Reioycings [*sic*] had been made in England.

The Persian King Shaw Nadir seems absolutely bent on Obtaining a Sea Force, and to that end sent A Messenger to Nursam Mulmulleck, to Purchase Shipping at Surat, whose orders being sent to the Governour of that City, and at the same time Shaw Nadirs Agent arriving, no less than Eleven Ships were immediately procured. What his Designs are with so Considerable a Maritime Strength is uncertain, but sure we are, it Can never benefitt Our Interest, and Trade in that Kingdom. The last News we have of the King, was his being at Ahmadoon, with his army, from whence he proposed to Enter Turkey.

We are

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Humble Servant [*sic*]

STEPHEN LAW.
JOHN GEEKIE.
JOHN MORLEY.
WILLIAM SEDGWICKE.
GEORGE DUDLEY.

BOMBAY CASTLE
DEC^{R}. 9TH. 1741.

No. 13.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOV^{R}. &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Our last Address to Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. was under the 30th. Ult^{o}. & this serv purposely to forward a Pacquet we rec'd last Night for your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. from the President & Council of Bombay.

We are with great respect

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient Humble Servant [*sic*]

JAMES HOPE &C^{T}.

SURAT
DEC^{R}. 19TH. 1741.

No. 14.

TO THE HONBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOV^{R}. &C^{T}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

This accompanys Duplicate of what I had the Honour to write you the 24th. past ☿ the Essex Briggantine also Duplicate Invoice and second Bill of Lading for One hundred and thirty three Bales 133 of Calicoes laden on board her on the Hoñble Companys Account.

It is now reported that Alicoli Cawn (the late Phousdar of Massulapatam) is appointed Nabob of this Country, and by Orders lately sent to all the Principal Phosdars and Renters to repair immediately to Rajahmundrum I am induced to believe there is some truth in it.

Inclosed comes an Indent for what Wares and Stores are wanting at this Place.

I am with the utmost Respect

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most obedient and most humble Servant

RICHARD PRINCE.

INGERAM
THE 31ST. DEC^{R}. 1741.

INDENT FOR WARES & STORES WANTING AT INGERAM FACTORY VIZ^{T}.

Broad Cloth Fine Scarlet	4	Pieces.
Gunpowder Country	10	m^{d}.
D°. Europe	3	D°.
Lead	10	D°.
Tin Lanthorns	2	
Royal Paper	10	Quires
Medium	25	D°.
Demi	20	D°.
Post	20	D°.
Fools Cap	15	D°.
Ink Powder	10	Papers
Penknives	4	
Cizars	2	pair
Sand Boxes	3	
Pencils	6	
Ivory Folders	2	
Ink Glasses	3	

INGERAM
THE 31ST. DEC^{R}. 1741.

RICHARD PRINCE.

N°. 15.

TO THE HONBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

We have receiv'd your favour of the 20th. instant ℔ Wager, Charles Raymond, Comm^{d}. who arriv'd here the 22^{d}. in the Evening, and the Captain acquaints us he shall be ready to sail the 30th. of this month. What other Directions Your Honour &c^{t}. have given us relat^{g}. to this ships disp^{a}. we shall take care to observe.

We are

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
24TH. JAN^{RY}. 1741.

Your most Obedient Servants
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
EDWARD CROKE.
JN°. GRAHAM.
ROBERT ALLEN.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT.

N°. 16.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE &C^{A}. COUNCIL.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

I take the Opportunity of these Vizagapatam Peons to Enclose to Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. Duplicates of My Last Letter, Invoice of Maddapollam and List of Metchlapatam Goods together with an Indent which went ℔ Fort St. George Brigantine and now An Account Particulars of the Expences & Disbursements for the Ship George.

Hitherto I have heard nothing of the further Remittance Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. are pleased to mention in Your Letter of the 12th. Nov^{r}. but when I do Your Orders Relating to what may be more than Sufficient for the Present here, shall be punctually

Obeyed as I shall not be very hasty to Advance money till I am certain what turn the Reports that have lately come here Concerning the Morattas may take. I am Respectfully

MADDEPOLLAM — HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

THE 13TH. JANRY. 1741–2. — Your Most Obedient and Most Humble Servant
JNO. HALLYBURTON.

No. 17.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

The Enclosed are Duplicates of what we wrote your Honr. &ct. by the Ship Vizagapatam. This serves therefore to Enclose Duplicate Invoice & 2d. Bill of Lading for 100 Bales of Callicoes Laden on Board that Ship Account & Risque Our Hoñble Masters Amounting to Pagods. 6224. 8. 18. She Sailed hence the 19th. in the Evening And We hope Arrived with you in due time, and Should be Glad to hear that the Cloth Laden on her meets Your Approbation. The Ships Scarborough & Kent belonging to our Hoñble Masters Sailed also the same Evening for the Bay And had a fair Wind for five days afterwards so that in all Likelyhood they will Arrive there in time to be dispatched for Europe in the Season.

As We have not as yet Received a Line from Mr. Hallyburton Concerning the Remittances Your honour &ca. made him We must suppose he designs to Detain the Whole of said Remittances for the Investment at his Factory, And are therefore to Request that you will supply us by the Vizagapatam, with the Sum before wrote for. We are also to Request that You will supply us with 50 Barrells of Gunpowder by the same Conveyance being almost Assured that We shall have a great Demand made on us of this Article both by the Nabob & Rajah of this Country And we must be under a Necessity to Answer all Demands of this kind If we Expect to do any business for Our Honble. Masters in this Country.

The Nabob of Muxedavad We hear is again in possession of the Cuttack Country being Invited thereto by the Inhabitants thereof. They Obliged Bauker Ally Cawn the Nabob of Cuttacks Son in Law to Quit the Government of that Province as they were Inhumanly treated by him, so that the Nabobs of Cuttack Rajamundrum & of this Province are now with their Forces at Irchapore In order to Stop the Progress of his Arms from Penetrating into this Province, We hope he will not make any attempt of this kind, but should be Inclined thereto We think he cannot fail of Success As the Nabobs About us have Omitted for many Years past to keep Constantly in Pay any Regular Troops & Consequently but ill provided to withstand those who have been used to Action. The whole Country at Present is in Arms upon the Occasion We hope therefore your Honr. &ct. will permitt us to retain the Soldiers Landed here from the Scarborough & Kent till the Country is somewhat settled. They are all upon the recovery Except One Man whose Life we Despair of & will be Able to Enter upon Duty in 15 days more. Should these Commotions be of any Duration It must greatly Prejudice the Interest of Our Hoñble Masters At this Place Whereas If the Country was to be settled & in Tranquility We are perswaded

that we should be Capable of Furnishing you with 500 Bales of Good Cloth by the End of next Year. May Peace & plenty therefore reign in these parts for the Accomplishment thereof is the Sincere Wishes of

VIZAGAPATAM
THE 29TH. DECR. 1741.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servants
JOHN STRATTON.
THOMAS SAUNDERS.

P.S.—We are to Request your Honr. &ct. will supply us with one Bale of Broad Cloth Scarlett by the first Conveyance.

No. 18.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE. SIR & SIRS

We Received your favour of the 30th. past, last night, but as the Winds hang Northerly here, and the Capt. acquaints us tis an impracticable thing to get up with them, we shall wait for your Honour's &ct. dispatch of the King William to us. But if the Winds come about Southerly we will dispatch the Wager directly to Your Honour &ct. and give you instant Advice thereof our Packet being already made up & the Captain having receiv'd it on board.

We have put on board the Wager 630 Bales 180 of which are Surplus Tonnage at half frieght, and have now lying in our Godowns 161 Bales embaled and 150 at the Washers and Beaters as many of which we shall get ready as soon as possible against the Arrival of the George in order to get her dispatch'd to Your Honr. &ct. with the utmost Expedition. We are with respect

FORT ST. DAVID
2D. FEBRY. 1741–2.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
EDWARD CROKE.
JOHN GRAHAM.
ROBERT ALLEN.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT.

No. 19.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE. SIR & SIRS

Capt. Raymond sent a letter ashore this morning to the Deputy Governour to desire we would give him his sailing Orders, and as the Winds hang now Southerly we have in pursuance of Your Instructions sent him Orders to make the best of his

way to Fort S^{t}. George, if the Wind and Weather permit and if he meets with the ship King William in his Passage to send on Board her for further Instructions from your Honour &c^{a}.

We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
3^{D}. FEB^{RY}. 1741/2.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
EDWARD CROKE.
" "
ROBERT ALLEN.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT.

No. 20.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

The Wager sail'd early this morning with a fair Wind, but it soon after shifting about to the Northward, she is still in sight.

We demanded of Captain Raymond agreeable to your Order a Manifest of his private Trade but he declaring that he had taken in no Goods at Madrass or this place we swore him to that deliverd in at Bengall and sent the same in the Packet at England he having taken the usual Oaths prescrib'd upon those occasions.

Inclosed is List of our Packet ℔ Wager and Copies of all the necessary mention'd therein as also our Accounts of Expences for December & Cash Account for last month ballance whereof is allumpara Pagodas 3307 and star Pagodas fanams & Cash P^{s}. 18762. 4. 19.

We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
4TH. FEBRUARY 1741-2.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
EDWARD CROKE.
JOHN GRAHAM.
ROBERT ALLEN.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT.

TO THE HOÑBLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE HOÑBLE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND
TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE

We last addressed your Hon^{rs}. by the Ship Prince William under date the 28th. Janury [*sic*] and 9th. Feb^{ry}. 1740/41 when she in Company with ship Hardwicke sailed for England This comes by the Ship Wager, which Arrived here the 23^{d}. of last Month, consigned to us by the President and Council in Order to be fill'd up at this Place We have put on Board her six hundred and thirty 630 Bales, One hundred and Eighty 180 of which are at half Frieght and the Captain's Agreement for the same comes in the Pacquet, she took in beside One hundred 100 Bales at Fort S^{t}. George: The Invoice of which and what taken in here Amounting in the whole to Star Pagodas Thirty One thousand Two hundred Eighty Nine Thirty four fanams and forty

One Cash Pagodas 31289. 34. 41 & Allumpara Pagodas thirty three thousand Two hundred Nineteen, Twelve fanams and fifty seven Cash Pagodas 33219. 12·57 comes inclosed together with the first Bill of Lading.

Eleven 11 Bales were sent to England by the ship Prince William in January last and we have sent up to Madrass Three hundred and thirty six 336 which with six hundred and thirty 630 upon this ship One hundred and sixty one 161 Embaled now lying in the Godowns and one hundred and fifty 150 at the Washers and Beaters make this Years Investment Amount to One thousand two hundred Eighty Eight 1288 Bales which quantity with favourable allowances for the Impediments we have met with particularly by the Irruptions of the Morattaes in the begining of the Year we humbly hope will be agreable to your Honours, and we have reason to expect a much larger Quantity for this season, if no unforeseen accident prevents us.

For a particular Account of our Management of Your affairs here, we beg leave to refer Your Honours to our Annual Letter to the Honble President and Council, a Copy of which comes in the Pacquet, as well of all other Books and Papers that are necessary for your Inspection.

The 26th. of last Month Le Duc D'Ordeans [*sic*] Monsr. De la Mettri Commander sailed from Pondicherry with a Cargoe consisting of One thousand two hundred 1200 bales of Calicoes Two hundred and fifty 250 Candy of Round Pepper, Two hundred 200 Candy of Redwood and one thousand five hundred 1500 Bags of Salt Petre.

We wish this Ship a good Voyage and safe Arrival in England, and have only to add that we are with perfect Respect.

Fort St. David
1st. February 1741/2.

Honourable
Your most faithfull humble Servants
Augustus Burton.
Edward Croke.
John Graham.
Robert Allen.
Charles Floyer.
William Holt.

List of the Pacquet ℔ Ship Wager Charles Raymond Commander.

No. 1. Letter from the Deputy Govr. & Council to the Honble Court of Directors dated 1 Febry. 1741.2.
2. Annual Letter to the President and Council of Fort St. George dated the 11th. January 1741/2.
3. Invoice of Ship Wager's Cargoe Amounting to star Pags. 31289. 34. 41 and Allumpara Pags. 33219. 12·57.
4. Bill of Lading for Ship Wager's Cargoe.
5. List of the Packing stuff on 730 Bales Laden on board ship Wager at Fort St. George and St. David.
6. Muster Roll of Ship Wager's Men.
7. List of Ship Wagers Ammunition and Warlike stores.
8. Calculate of Tonnage on Board Ship Wager.
9. Capt. Raymond's Manifest of Private Trade Laden on Board Ship Wager.

	Tonn	℔	qr.
10. Capt. Raymond's Agreement that the 180 bales being	34	5	2 of surplus Tonnage laden on board the Wager shall be accounted for at half Frieght.

11. Nella Tombe, Irshepah Chittee & Chacup Tombe their Accot. Current.
12. Account of Money's Advanced the Brokers, & Cloth brought in by them on this Years Investment.

13. Andeapah his Account Current.
14. Account of Money's Advanced Andeapah, & Cloth brought in by him on this Years Investment.
15. Cuddalore sea Customer's Account for the Year 1741.
16. Cuddalore Land Customer's Account for the Year 1741.
17. Account Customs Collected at Tevenapatam for the Year 1741.
18. List of debts standing out in our General Books Letters O. O. ending April 1741.
19. Calculate of the Expences and Revenues of this settlement for the Year 1741.
20. List of the Hoñble Company's Revenues for the Year 1741.
21. Muster Roll of the two Company's of soldiers and Gunroom C[r]ew.
22. List of the Honble Company's Covenanted servants.
23. List of the Marriages Births and Burials for the year 1741.
24. Surgeon's Indent for Medicines for the Year 1742.

General Books Letter O. O. ending April 1741.

Consultations Commencing 1st. January } 1741.
Ending 31st. Decemr. }

Paymaster's Accounts

Commencing 1st. Janry. } 1741.
Ending 31st. Decr. }

List of the Packet to Fort St. George.

No. 1. Consultation's for January.
2. Letter to the Hoñble President & Council dated 4th. Febry. 1741-2.
3. Copy of the Deputy Governour & Councils Letter to the Court of Directors dated 1st. Febry. 1741.
4. Cash Account for January.
5. Paymrs. Accounts for December.
6. Extraordinary Expence for December.
7. Stores deliver'd out & expended for Decr.
8. Expences of the Warehouse.
9 Capt. Raymond's Manifest of Private Trade on board the Wager.
10. Account of Ship Wagers Tonnage from Bengall.
11. Calculate of Tonnage on board Ship Wager.
12. Invoice of Ship Wagers cargoe.
13. Ship Wager's Charter Party.
14. List of Packing stuff in 730 Bales on board the Wager.
15. Second Bill of Lading for Ship Wagers Cargoe.
16. List of Ship Wagers Ammunition & Warlike Stores.
17. Muster Roll of Ship Wagers Men.
18. List of the Packet ℔ Wager.

No. 21.

To the Honble Richard Benyon Esqr.
President & Governour &cr. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We are to acknowledge the favour of your Honour &ct. Letter of the 10th. Instant, & another of the 9th. from Mr. Secretary Savage, informing us of the dispatch of the George for this place which arrived here the 15th. Instant, & will sail for Fort St. George loaden with the Hoñble Company's Bales according to your order in two or three days.

The Paper which was affixed at the Publick Places to inform all Merchants & others of the encouragement that would be given them upon settling in the Honble Company's Bounds, is now sent up; And we ask pardon for the omission in not transmitting it annex'd to the Consultation on that head.

We shall observe your Honour &c$^{a's}$. directions, not to enflame the price of the Cloth by adding the Customs & Dustore.

It will be no small satisfaction to us to find your Honour &c$^{t's}$. Information in relation to the French not advancing any money to the Merchants, proves true; Though we have not learnt by any enquiries we have yet made that it is actually so; But if they are enquiring into the large Ballances due to them in order to lessen them, it is natural to suppose the only way that can be done, is, by pressing the Merchants to bring in as much Cloth as possible, for we must suppose they have sent the advanced money up in the Country, or at least pretend to have done, & therefore can't pay in their Ballances but in Cloth: However we shall more strictly enquire into this Affair, & not fail to make the best advantage we can for our Honble Masters by their proceeding, & are obliged to your Honour &c^{a}. for this, & any other information you are pleased to give us of this kind.

In pursuance of your Honour &c$^{a's}$. directions we intend to talk with our Merchants about procuring Salampores for the Hon'ble Company, but as they are chiefly made at Warriapolla, the troubles between that people & those of Annalore who stop their Oxen on the Road, will hinder us in that article at present, Though we hope these differences will shortly be made up, & that we shall soon be able to give your Honour &c^{a}. a satisfactory answer to this Paragraph of Your Letter.

We shall take care to provide the Honble Company the 3000 pieces of Blue Cloth they indented for, & as we have your Honour &c$^{a's}$. Orders about it so early we hope to mend our hand both in the Pieces & Quality, & we shall follow your Honour &c$^{a's}$. directions as to the Brightness of the Colour of the Soot Romalls, & by having sufficient time hope to do the same in relation to them.

We think it most adviseable to let the Carolina Sloop lye where she does at present, as she is best situated to get out of the River if a Fresh should happen, as it sometimes does in the beginning of April; But if we do not then get her out, we intend to lay her dry & make a Cajan Cover to her in such a place as she will be most easily got off, & soonest prepared for the next Monsoon.

We did not send home to the Honble Company a seperate List of the Europeans in this Garrison specifying the time of their Arrival or entring in the service, & when discharged, dead or deserted, & which of them have relisted & the time when, according to the 16th. Regulation of the Honble Company's Orders, because we had no directions about it from your Honour &c^{a}. before now; And besides without particular Instructions from your Board in relation to the time of their Arrival or entering into the Service, & which of them have relisted, & the time when at Fort S^{t}. George, it is impracticable by us; But if your Honour &c^{a}. please to inform us of those particulars in future, we shall be able & carefull to perform it.

We made a mistake when we advised your Honour &c^{a}. of the demands on M^{r}. Borlace Stacey's Estate Pagodas 33·24 which should have been Pagodas 35. 16. the difference Pagodas 1. 28. was in Notes due from him to the storekeeper, which though paid, were omitted to be enter'd in our Consultations, for which we ask pardon, as well as for the Error in the Ballance which your Honour &c^{a}. have taken notice of: The account therefore when rectifyed in both particulars stands thus; Whole amount of the Estate Pagodas 58. 22. 68 demands Pag^{s}. 35. 16. Ballance due & wrote off to Account Current Fort S^{t}. George Pagodas 23. 6. 68.

We have admitted M^{r}. William Belsches into the station of Surgeon of this place in the room of M^{r}. Andrew Munro, according to your Honour &c$^{a's}$.order; The latter is set out for Fort S^{t}. George, as well as M^{r}. Joseph Fowke & we shall be obliged to your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. for a good hand as soon as possible in his room. We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient Serv^{ts}
AUGUSTUS BURTON &c

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
20TH. FEBRUARY 1741/2.

WHEREAS several Merchants and Inhabitants of Porto Novo and other places have come into the Honourable Company's Bounds and requested of the Deputy Governour liberty for them and their Families to reside and for the future to become Inhabitants of this place: IN ORDER thereunto, We the Deputy Governour and Council have agreed to grant and make over unto them some Vacant Grounds in the Towns of Cuddalore, Tevenapatam, Trepopilore and the several Villages belonging to the Honourale [*sic*] Company, That they may build Houses for Habitations for themselves and their Families, Godowns, Shops &c^{t}. for their Merchandize and Trade agreeable to their several Professions, they offering to pay for any such GRANTS of the Ground according to the usual Rate and Valuation.

THEREFORE the Deputy Governour and Council have appointed M^{r}. Edward Croke & M^{r}. John Graham to make enquiry & examine into all the Waste & Vacant Ground in the Hoñble Company's Limits, & all such other Grounds as are at present possessed by the Person or Persons whatsoever without a Legal Title, the same to be Valued and proportioned out by them to the Merchants aforesaid, they paying for the same.

WE the Deputy Governour & Council have order'd this Paper to be affixed at every Public Gate, translated into the usual Languages for further encouragement to any Person or Persons who are willing to come & reside in this place under the Hoñble Company's Protection, where they shall have a full & Free liberty of Trade & meet with no molestation whatever.

SIGNED by order of the Deputy
Governour & Council

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
21ST. DECEMBER 1741.

JOSEPH FOWKE,
Sec^{ry}.

No. 22

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We received your Letter of the 17th. Instant, & have in pursuance to your order put on board the George one Box containing five thousand 5000 Pagodas in Fanams, for which comes Inclosed a seperate Bill of Lading; We have also inclosed Bill of Lading for two hundred thirty six 236 Bales of Callicoes laden on board her, two hundred & seventeen Bales, 217, of which amount to Star Pagodas three thousand six hundred & twenty eight, fourteen Fanams & six Cash 3628. 14. 6 & Allumparra twelve thousand seven hundred & ninety five, thirty one fanams & forty Cash, Pag^{s}. 12795. 31. 40. The other nineteen 19 Bales were brought in last month, which we have not yet settled the price of with the Brokers, both the Invoices come inclosed seperately, they go consign'd to your Honour &c^{t}. on our Hoñble Masters Account & Risque.

Captain Raymond put on shore here one Bale he brought from Bengall, said to belong to the Cargo of Ship Admiral Vernon, which he omitted to put on shore at Fort S^{t}. George; We have now sent it to your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. on the Ship George, a seperate Bill of Lading for it comes Inclosed. We are

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
EDWARD CROKE.
RAHAM.
ALLEN.
ES FLOYER.
M HOLT.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
22^{D}. FEBRUARY 1741/2.

N°. 23.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esq^r.
President & Governour &c^t. Council of Fort S^t. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

This serves to enclose the Duplicate of our Letter by the Ship George, & of the several Invoices and Bills of Lading therein mention'd. We are with respect.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Servants
Augustus Burton, &c^t.

Fort S^t. David
22^d. Febry. 1741. 2.

No. 24.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esq^r.
President & Governour &c^t. Council of Fort S^t. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

In consequence of what we wrote your Honour &c^t. under date the 22^d. December last ℔ King William & Wager, we had laden the Princess Augusta & two of our Sloops with Salt Petre & Bales and dispatched them to you on the 4^th. Instant; We were then also lading two more Sloops in the same manner to compleat one Europe Ship's Cargoe.

On the 8^th. late at night our Hoñble Masters Ship Scarbrough Captain George Westcott, & Kent Captain William Robson imported in this River.

As these Ships call'd at Vizagapatam for refreshments, your Honour &c^t. no doubt have had an early Account from thence of their tedious passage out & of their having parted with the Admiral Vernon Captain Webster in Latitude 15° 35″ North & 30 Leagues off the Coromandell Coast; At which time Captain Webster declared to the other Commanders that he was determined to beat as long as possible for his consigned Port Bengall, & stood off to the S.E. to gain an Offing, but Captain Westcott & Captain Robson thought it more eligible to keep in shore for the benefit of the Land & Sea Breezes, which they did, & tell us they were favour'd in their Passsge by the Northerly Currents.

On the first News of these Ships Arrival we sent Orders Express to Stop the Princess Augusta and the two Sloops dispatch'd to your Honour &c^a. which overtook them before they got clear; We have taken the Bales out of the Augusta & have unloaded all the Sloops again for the supply of these Ships.

We have open'd the Packets from our Hoñble Masters by the Scarborough & Kent directed to your Honour &c^a. and have unladen those Ships here, the Treasure we shall apply to our Hoñble Masters service in this place & even with this supply shall be forced to borrow large Sums at Interest to carry on our Investment for the ensuing year; The several Garrison Stores, Medicines, Stationary Ware & the Military we shall send up to you on the Princess Augusta & shall (as soon as possible) take into consideration the disposal of the Woolen Goods by them.

We shall dispatch the Scarborough & Kent from hence for Great Britain about the 15^th. February next, & hope to be able to get the Admiral Vernon away in Charter-party time provided she arrives soon, at least our utmost Efforts shall not be wanting therein.

The dispatches for our Hoñble Masters Ship Nassau to England went from hence on the 18^th. Instant & we hope in a few days to hear she is sail'd from Injellee

Enclosed we send your Honour &c^{t}. our Hoñble Masters Letter to your Presidency ℔ Ship Kent, the List of Investment by her, also Copies of the Manifests of Coral, Silver & Private Trade by that Ship & the Scarbrough, all which are Landing in our Warehouse; The Remainder of the Packets by these Ships shall follow on the Princess Augusta which Vessel we are loading with all expedition. We are

FORT WILLIAM
21st. JANUARY 1741. 2.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Humble Servants
THOMAS BRADDYLL.
JOHN FORSTER.
" "
WILLIAM BARWELL.

N^{o}. 25.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{T}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

We send your Honour &c^{t}. inclosed our Accounts of Expences for January, Consultations & Cash Account for last month, Ballance whereof is Allumparra Pagodas two thousand three hundred & seven 2307, & in Star Pagodas, Fanams & Cash, three thousand nine hundred & thirty five Pagodas nineteen Fanams and fifty Cash 3935. 19. 50.

As we shall now begin to be in want of some Star Pagodas we must beg your Honour &c^{t}. to send us of ten thousand 1000 [*sic*] so soon as possible. We are with respect

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants

FORT S
1st. MARCH 1741. 2.

LIST OF BALES		
at the Beaters	...	91
at the Washers	...	98
Bales	...	189

AUGUSTUS BURTON.
EDWARD CROKE.
JOHN GRAHAM.
ROBERT ALLEN.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT.

N^{o}. 26.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Enclosed is Duplicate of our last ℔ Raddabullub Pinnace & agreable to what we therein wrote, we now dispatch our Hoñble Masters Ship Princess Augusta Captain George Goring.

On this Ship we have laden 5 Bales Broad Cloth fine, two Cases flower'd Cloth with all the Stationary Ware & Medicines received by the Ships Scarbrō & Kent for your Presidency, also three Bales Brown Sanoes & 1036 Bags Salt-petre as ℔ Invoice inolcsed, amounting to Current Rupees nineteen thousand seven hundred &

thirty, twelve Annaes, six Pice 19730. 12. 6; We likewise send on her all the Garrison & Military Stores received ℔ said Ships (as ℔ seperate Invoice amounting to Current Rupees thirty two thousand five hundred twenty five, fifteen Annaes nine Pice 32525. 15. 9) except 500 Tin Plates, 2 Tons Chalk, 2 Coils Cordage and the Deals & Euffers mention'd in the Europe Invoices, which Articles are not yet landed; Three distinct Bills of Lading for these Goods your Honour &c^{t}. have in the Packet.

We advised your Honour &c^{t}. in our last, That we should appropriate the Bullion by these Ships to our Hoñble Masters Service here, which we have accordingly done; Most of the Woolen Goods & Lead we have disposed of at Outcry the 3^{d}. Instant & shall at a proper time sell the Iron here also.

From these Ships were landed thirty four Soldiers designed for your Garrison, thirty of which we send on the Princess Augusta, one died here some days since & the other three remain in the Hospital too much indisposed to admit of being removed; A List of these men adjusted with the Lists received from Europe & M^{r}. Turing's receipts for nineteen Landed at Vizagapatam your Honour &c^{t}. will receive in the Packet.

We have as yet heard no news of the Admiral Vernon Captain Webster; The length of time since she parted with the other Ships makes us imagine that the Captain unable to keep the Sea bore up for some Port on the Choromandel Coast, & in such case we hope she may be now safe with your Honour &c^{a}.

If this Suggestion proves true We must request that your Honour &c^{t}. will be pleased to send us by the first good Conveyance the following Particulars mention'd in the Abstract of that Ship's Invoice Viz^{t}. Double Allepines one Bale containing twenty Pieces Velvets, one Case containing five pieces being for the use of our Durbars, and Napped Super-fine Cloth one Case containing eight half Cloths.

As to the remainder of the Goods by her, We leave it to Your Honour &c^{t}. to dispose of them at your Place or to send them down hither as you shall think most for our Hoñble Masters advantage, and for your better Guidance therein we take the liberty to send you an abstract of our last Auction, also Abstract of the Sale of Perpetuanoes made in November last, together with the conditions we sell for here, but with this caution that notwithstanding the prices has been given for Goods of late, it is uncertain whether at another Outcry they may be so well kept up to, as the Market hath of late been stocked with large quantities of each Specie, so that we apprehend if your Honour &c^{t}. can dispose of them at pretty near the prices in our Abstrat [*sic*] it will be more to our Hoñble Masters Interest than to risque them down to this place.

We must advise your Honour &c^{t}. that we have not any prospect of disposing of the Flower'd Cloth mention'd in the Admiral Vernon's Invoice, that Article being in no manner of demand here, therefore request it may be sold with you.

We must beg leave to observe to Your Honour &c^{t}. that you have Computed the Pepper received from the Malabar Coast ℔ Ship Hallifax as invoiced from thence 453¾ candies laden on board, Whereas there is an allowance for loss in weight in the different Invoices transmitted to us of 14¾ Candies, which deducted from the above makes the Nett Quantity really laden on that Ship

but 439 Candies or 263400 lb. cost Surat R^{s}. ..	45787	74	—
At which rate 208288 lb. taken out a Mad^{s}. amo^{t}. to.	36207	5	—
Batta 10 ℔ Cent ..	3620	11	9
Current Rupees ..	39828	—	9
Whereas you credit this Factory only	38533	1	—
The difference is Rupees ..	1294	15	9

which difference we shall debt your Presidency for.

We have made a trial at Outcry of the three Stills sent us by your Honour &c^{t}. but found no Bidders, & are convinced they will not fetch more than the value of the old Copper & Lead; We shall notwithstanding use our best endeavours to dispose of them & credit Your Presidency for the Produce.

The Account Expences for Repairs to the Ship Princess Augusta & fitting her out of this River, your Honour &c^{a}. have inclosed with the Invoice of Stores supplied her with together with an Account Dieting the Soldiers while here, & the provisions put on board for their use, to which must be added Current Rupees 140 paid the Surgeons of the Scarborough and Kent for Head-money for them; In these Accounts your Honour &c^{t}. will please to observe we were forced to give the Princess Augusta a new Main Mast, the old one being unfit for Service.

As we have now no prospect of the Admiral Vernon being dispatched from hence, We shall by the latter end of this month send your Honour &c^{t}. a further supply of Salt Petre.

On the 22^{d}. Ultimo our Honble Masters Ship Nassau Captain George Jackson sail'd from Ingellee for Europe, We are now preparing the Dispatches of the Scarborough & Kent which will be finished in a few days.

Notwithstanding the Supply of Bullion by these Ships, we have still large Sums at Interest outstanding, & on beginning our Contracts for this year's Investment shall be obliged to borrow much more; We must therefore repeat our former request That your Honour &c^{t}. will be pleased to assist us with whatever money you can possibly spare from the necessary occasions of your Presidency.

We are

FORT WILLIAM
[9]TH. FEBRUARY 1741.2.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
most Humble Servants
HOMAS BRADDYLL.
OHN FORSTER.
VILLIAM DAVIS.
VILLIAM BARWELL.

ABSTRACT OF THE HOÑBLE COMPANY'S SALE AT AUCTION ON THE 3^{D}. FEBRUARY 1741.2.

	Pieces		Med^{m}. Price				
BROAD CLOTH AURORA	324	@	107 — —				34677 — —
D^{o}. ORDINARY							
Red ..	600	@	48 9 3		29145 — —		
Popinjay ..	228		57 2 - -		13026 12 —		
Yellow ..	246		73 4 6		18027 6 —		
Blue ..	204		59 11 9		12186 — —		
Red, Open Pieces ..	30		51 8 —		1545 — —		
Yellow D^{o}. ..	40		68 8 —		2740 — —		
	—	1348					76670 2 —
						C R^{s}.	111347 2 —
FLANNELS							
Dyed ..	96	@	34 14 6		3351 12 —		
Culjeed ..	96		26 1 ℔/3		7508 4 —		
							18060 — —[*sic*]
LEAD Maunds	4800	@	8 13 6		..		42412 8 —
COPPER, for Brass uses	2570		53 4 2		..		136888 2 —
					Curr^{t}. Rupees ..		301507 12 —[*sic*]

ABSTRACT OF SALE OF PERPETUANOES AT AUCTION 20 NOVEMBER 1741.

PERETUANOES	FINE Scar le ..	460	@ 37 11 6		17350 — —
DISTO	ORD^{RY}. all Coulours.	1080	23 1 —		24910 — —
D^{o}.	BROAD D^{o}. ..	120	47 6 8		5690 — —
D^{o}.	D. FINE Scarlet ..	40	59 2 —		2365 — —
					50315 — —

CONDITIONS OF THE ABOVE SALES.

All Goods clear'd in 6 months to be allowed a Discount of 9 ℔ Cent.
Ditto D°. 12 D°. D°. D°. 6 D°.

LIST OF THE PACKET ℔ SHIP PRINCESS AUGUSTA.

N°. 1. General Letter to Fort S^{t}. George dated the 9th. February 1741.2.
2. Duplicate General Letter to D°. dated 21st. January 1741.2 ℔ Raddabullub Pinnace.
3. Invoice of Ship Princess Augusta amo^{t}. to Curr^{t}. R^{s}. 19730. 12. 6.
4. Invoice of Stores laden on D°. amo^{t}. to C. R^{s}. 32525. 15. 9.
5. Ship Princess Augusta Bill of Lading from Export Warehouse.
6. D°. D°. from Import Warehouse.
7. D°. D°. from the Storehouse.
8. Account Expences repairing Ship Princess Augusta &c^{t}.
9. Invoice of Stores deliver'd for the use of D°.
10. Cap^{t}. George Goring's Account Expences ℔ D°.
11. Packet from the Gentlemen in the Secret Committee ℔ Scarbrô directed to the Hoñble the President & Second for the time being at Fort S^{t}. George to be received from Cap^{t}. Goring, *It* being deliver'd to him apart for that purpose.
12. Copy four Additional Paragraphs in the Hoñble Company's Letter to Fort S^{t}. George ℔ Kent.
13. List of Soldiers sent to Fort S^{t}. George ℔ Princess Augusta.
14. M^{r}. Turing's Receipt for Soldiers landed at Vizagapatam from the Scarborough.
15. D°. Receipt for Soldiers landed at D°. from the Kent.
16. Abstract of the Scarbro Invoice for Fort S^{t}. George & Fort William.
17. Abstract of the Kent's Invoice for D°.
18. Abstract of the Hoñble Compny's Sales at Fort William by Auction.
19. Hoñble Company's Packet to Fort S^{t}. George ℔ Scarborough.
20. Hoñble Company's Packet to D°. ℔ Kent.
21. Key to the Medicine Chest for Fort S^{t}. George. } To be received from Captain Goring they being deliver'd to him.
22. D°. D°. for Fort S^{t}. David. }
23. Account Tonnage of 96 Bales consigned to Madrass on Ship Wager.
24. Copy Captain George Goring's Sailing Orders.

No. 27.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{R}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{R}. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

The last time I addressed you was under Date the 31st. December; The present is chiefly to inform you that the Report of Ally Cooly Cawn's being appointed Nabob of this Country is confirmed by his Arrival at Rajahmundrum; How far a Change of Government may affect the Merchants and Weavers, I cannot as yet say, but the Renters & Country People expressed abundance of Concern at Annawardy Cawn's departure.

If the Country continues quiet the Merchants promise they will use their utmost endeavours to increase the Investment, & I only wait for a supply of money to enter into Contract with them.

I am with great Respect

INGERAM
11TH. FEBRY 1741.2.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient & most Humble Servant
RICHARD PRINCE.

No. 28.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esq^r.
President & Governour &c^t. Council of Fort S^t. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Since closing my Letter of the 11^th. past we have been frequently alarmed with reports about the Morattas; Yesterday News was brought me that a party of them were at or near Eloere, also that they had sent a Letter to Imaum Sahib at Massulapatam, demanding a Quarter part of the Rents of his Country; To day I was advised from Rajahmundrum that they have been encounter'd by some of the Rajahs who have obliged them to retire on the other side the Hills; The reports are so various that I can scarcely give credit to any of them, I shall nevertheless be upon my Guard & take the best measures I can for the security of the Hoñble Company's Effests [*sic*] at this place.

I am with the greatest respect

Ingeram — Hoñble Sir & Sirs

17^th. February 1741.2. — Your most Obedient and most Humble Servant
Rich^d. Prince.

No. 29.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esq^r.
President & Governour &c^t. Council of Fort S^t. George

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

The Reports of the Morattas having enter'd this Country & the general Consternation of the people who are all fled, have persuaded me to lade the Hoñble Company's Goods & their Merchants Cloth on board the Sloop Experience together with the remainder of the Chay Goods which I have brought from Metchlepatam, yet being too small to contain the whole, I have been obliged to put a few Bundles in a Banksall on t'other side of the River; A particular Account of which is Inclosed. I am with great respect.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant
John Halliburton.

Maddapollam
26^th. February 1741.2.

Account of Goods transported on board of Sloop Experience on the other side of this River Viz^t.

		Corge	Pieces.		
Long Cloth 23 Punjams	White	5	3		
Ditto	Brown	30	10		
				35	13 Sorted
D°. on the Sloop	Ditto	30	10		
D°. in the Banksall	Ditto	11	—		
				41	10 Merchants.

Metchlepatam Goods on board the Sloop.

Romalls Fine	236	Pieces
Ditto Bundara	1400	
Allejars	12	
Callowapores	83	
Sastracundies	173	

Errors Expected [*sic*]
℔
John Halliburton.

No. 30.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^t^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

We received a Letter from M^r^. Secretary Savage of the 5^th^. Instant, advising of a Supply of twenty thousand Pagodas 20,000, to set out the next day from your Honour &c^t^. And just now we received your Favour of the 6^th^. accompanying that Sum under charge of fity Peons, which turns out Right.

We are with respect

Fort S^t^. David — Hoñble Sir & Sirs

10^th^. March 1741.2. — Your most Obedient Servants

Augustus Burton &c^t^.

No. 31.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^t^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

The last time we addressed your Honour &c^t^. was dated the 29^th^. of December wherein we requested a Supply of fifty Barrels of Gun-powder, little suspecting at that time that we should have occasion for any part thereof for the defence of this Garrison, But the Case is now alter'd & we are not only to request an additional supply thereto of 25 Barrels, 5 of which to be Europe Powder but also of Men & Arms, as we are likely to meet with some trouble from the Morattas in their March through this Province; It being currently reported That after they have plundered the Elour & Rajahmundrum Countries they design for Chickkacull, & to pay Vizagapatam a visit in the way; We are therefore making all the Preperations possible to receive them & on that account have entertain'd 100 Peons in the Service & propose to take the like Number of Lascars to be employed in the Gun-room as soon as they return from their Voyages, for we shall never think of tamely surrendring this place, notwithstanding we are ill provided to withstand the Force which may come against us. We received severall Gun Carriages by the Vizagapatam which will be of great Service to us as there were but very few before to be depended on, & are putting those in good order that will bear repair; M^r^. Prince writes us that the people of Mazulapatam are in so great a pannick at the approach of the Morattas, That the Dutch & Merchants of that place have sent all their Effects on board of Vessels in the Road, the Dutch at Bimlepatam & Cockanar have had orders to do the like, & the French at Yanam have likewise put all their Effects on board of Vessels, M^r^. Prince has built a Banksall near the Barr, wherein he has lodged all the Company's Effects, & has a Boat lying there ready for the Transporting himself & Effects to this place upon the first notice of their Arrival at Ingeram; Last night M^r^. Stratton dispatch'd one of his Barr Boats to M^r^. Pitt at Upparra with orders to put all the Company's Effects on board that Boat, in case of any disturbance & to make the best of his way to this place. It may now seem somewhat surprising to your Honour &c^t^. that Ally Cooly Cawn the Nabob of Rajamundrum would suffer the Morattas to plunder his Country in the manner reported, but so it is, & he has thought proper to retire to his Fort, leaving them to ravage the same without opposition; We have another report that the Morattas are marching this way by order of Nazir Jing to assist the Nabob of Cuttack, but that Gentleman has lain encamped in our Mango Garden these 10 days past; M^r^. Stratton has had several Conferences with him about the truth of this report, but he declares he is entirely ignorant thereof, & indeed we believe him sincere for he seems to be as much frighten'd at the

approach of the Morattas as the people of this Country who are now retiring to the Hills with all expedition possible for security. Your Honour &c^{t}. may be assured that in all cases that regard the Company's Interest & the Welfare of this Settlement we shall act with all the caution & circumspection imaginable. We have sent 10 Peons at different times to the Camp to watch their Motions & expect a pair will return to morrow, & if they bring Advice material for you to be acquainted with, We will dispatch a pair of Peons overland directly with an Account thereof. We have laden on board the Vizagapatam 100 Bales of Callicoes, Account & Risque our Hoñble Masters amoun^{s}. to Pagodas 7913. 3. 31 Invoice & Bill of Lading for the same comes inclosed.

Our Cash & Paymaster's Accounts for the months of December & January comes Inclosed ; We have also sent a List of Wares & Stores wanting at this Settlement, the Stores we are to request may be sent us with all the expedition possible, which is what offers at present from

VIZAGAPATAM
26TH. FEBRUARY 1741. 2.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
JOHN STRATTON.
THOMAS SAUNDERS.

A LIST OF STORES WANTING AT THIS FACTORY.

Europe Match	1	Candy.
Country D°.	2	Candy.
Europe Steel	5	Maund
Country Powder	50	Barrels.
Europe D°.	5	D°.
Lead	5	Candy.
Europe Tarr	5	Barrels.
Bayonet Pieces (New)	4	Chests.
Carbines	1	Chest.

VIZAGAPATAM
26TH. FEBRY. 1741. 2.

A LIST OF WARES WANTING AT THIS SETTLEMENT THIS 25TH. DAY OF FEBRUARY 1741.2, VIZ^{T}.

	Peices.		
BROAD CLOTH SUPERFINE		12	Pieces.
BROAD CLOTH FINE—			
Scarlet	12		
Yellow	2		
Emerald Green	2		
	—	16	D°.
BROAD CLOTH MIDLING—			
Yellow	3		
Green	3		
	—	6	D°.
BROAD CLOTH AURORA		12	D°.
BROAD CLOTH ORDINARY—			
Red	12		
Yellow	6		
	—	18	D°.
PERPETUANOES ORDINARY—			
Red	10		
Green Emm^{d}.	5		
Yellow	5		
Blue	5		
	—	25	D°.

VELVET—		
Crimson		1 Pieces.
	Yds.	
Black	10	
Green	10	
	—	20 Yards.
GOODS FOR PACKING—		
Gunneys Bengall		1000
Rope		5 Candy.

ERRORS EXCEPTED
P^R^.
THOMAS SAUNDERS
Wareh^e^. K^r^.

VIZAGAPATAM
25^TH^. FEBRUARY 1741.2.

No. 32.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^T^. COUNCIL OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

We now acknowledge the favour of your's of the 17^th^. Instant, & in pursuan of your Information of the French being employed in getting in their Ballance, their not advancing any money to their Merchants for the Investment, have this d sent for our Merchants into Council & acquainted them with it; At the same tir letting them know that we expect they make a proper use of this juncture by p curing the Hoñble Company a larger quantity of Cloth & of better quality as w as cheaper, they not having the French to interfere with them in the Market; which they answer'd, that they had received no such Information from their ov Agents, however they should take care to make the best use of this Advantage, get as much Cloth & at as low prices as possible, but at present Cotton was so ve scarce & dear, that little Cloth can be procured either by the French or themselv & that they must wait till the Harvest of the Cotton was over, when they hoped do something considerable in the Investment & to the satisfaction of their Employe as they have reason to expect from the dryness of the Season a plentifull Crop.

We likewise recommended to them the procuring a Quantity of Salampor which they will endeavour to do to the best of their ability; But this Article mu likewise wait, till the Harvest of Cotton sets the Weavers again to work.

We have order'd our Officers to bring in Muster Rolls of their Europe Soldiers, with an Account of the time of their Arrival in India, when enter'd, relisted either here or at Fort S^t^. George, in seperate Columns; & shall endeavour make them as perfect as we can from such Informations as can be procured from t Soldiers themselves & others, & shall transmit them to your Honour &c^t^. as soon possible, as well as to take care in future to conform to the 16^th^. Regulation of t Hoñble Company in relation to the Military.

We have sent for Sadashavarow &c^t^. late Merchants (one of whom, Ram Chitty, is dead, & another Vengapa Chitty has left the Bounds some years) & ha demanded of them the five hundred 500 Pagodas Ballance of their Account; which they answer'd, that they had clear'd their Accounts excepting that 5 Pagodas which they had leave to omit, as it was hoped that the Governour of Fo S^t^. George's Interest with Chunda Sahib would have recover'd that money; But it happen'd otherwise, they plead their inability to pay it, as they are entirely ruin by the Contracts they did formerly make with the Hoñble Company, for the p formance of which, & to bring in their Ballances, they have raised all the mon they were able; They likewise humbly hope that as that was a real loss, the mon being taken from their Gomasters by Chunda Sahib's people, their case will favourably consider'd by your Honour &c^a^. & they excused the payment of it,

there have been former instances of the like indulgence to the Company's Merchants; And for the proof of their Losses on the Contract, they beg leave to refer to their petition & the Account annexed to the Consultation of the 23d. November 1738, wherein are set forth their great Losses & how occasion'd, We therefore promised to represent their case to your Honour &ct. but at the same time told them, we could give them no encouragement to expect a Remittance of the Debt, as the Company were not obliged to make good their Losses.

We now send inclosed the Warehousekr's. Indent for those things we want for the Company's use, & as we are in hopes the Stores are arrived from Bengall on the Princess Augusta, we beg your Honour &ct. will send us the Remainder of our Indent of Stationary Ware, & the Surgeon's Medicine Chest as soon as possible. We are

Fort St. David
23d. March 1741.2.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient Servants
Augustus Burton.
Edward Croke.
John Graham.
Robert Allen.
Charles Floyer.
William Holt.

Indent for Wares wanting in the Warehouse Viz.

Broad Cloth Aurora	2 Bales.
Perpetuanoes Fine	1 Do.
Embossed Cloth	2 Bales.
White Lead	10 Maunds.

Fort St. David
22d. March 1741.2.

Edward Croke
Warehousekr.

No. 33.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esqr.
President & Governour &cr. Council of Fort St. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Enclosed we send Duplicate of our last Per Princess Augusta, since which we have recd your favour of the 25th. January ℔ Mercury Capt. Wilton who hath also deliver'd to us a Packet from our Hoñble Masters & the six Seals committed to his Charge.

We are glad to hear the Admiral Vernon is safe with you at Madrass; By the Raddabullub Pinnace we acquainted your Honour &ct. of our reasons for stopping the Prins. Augusta & Sloops who were laden with Bales & design'd for your Presidency, & that we hoped to get all the three Ships away from this Port in Charter-party time; But the large deficiencies from our Subordinate Factories would have prevented this with regard to the Admiral Vernon had she arrived, & we think it too late in the Season to risque what Bales we now have to your Honour &ct. for the Supply of your September Ship.

We have acquainted the Persons concern'd in the Coral & Silver with what your Honr. &ct. mention'd thereon, who we presume write to their Correspondents the needful directions.

In the Abstract of our last Outcry sent ℔ the Princess Augusta your Honour &ct. will observe the medium prices we sold the several Goods for here recd ℔ Scarbro & Kent; There were no Perpetuanoes of any sort come out on these Ships.

We are greatly pleased that your Honour &c^{t}. intend us all the Treasure you can spare from your own occasions for the reasons given in our last, & beg we may be supplied with it by the first safe conveyances.

We are now loading & shall in a very few days dispatch to your Honour &c^{t}. two of our Sloops with a further Supply of Salt-petre & other Stores for the use of your Presidency.

Our Hoñble Masters Ships Scarborough & Kent were dispatched from Injellee for Great Britain on the 24th. Ultimo. We are

FORT WILLIAM

1ST. MARCH 1741. 2.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Humble Servants

THOMAS BRADDYLL &c^{r}.

No. 34.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{T}. COUNCIL AT FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Conformable to what we wrote you under date the 1ST. Instant ℔ Mercury of which the accompanying is Duplicate, We now dispatch the Porto Bello Sloop M^{r}. Phillip Parsons Master to your Honour &c^{t}. with 900 Bags Salt-petre, Invoice & first Bill of Lading for which come inclosed, amounting to Curr^{t}. Rupees ten thousand three hundred fifty five Current Rupees 10355.

We also send on this Sloop 500 Tin Plates received ℔ Scarborough as ℔ Invoice Inclosed amounting to Current Rupees 76.11, and three Chests of the Europe Gun Powder returned from the Princess Augusta.

The other Sloop will follow in a day or two. We are

FORT WILLIAM

6TH. MARCH 1741.2.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Humble servants

THOMAS BRADDYLL.
JOHN FORSTER.
WILLIAM DAVIS.
WILLIAM BARWELL.

No. 35

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{T}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

This morning imported here the Porto Bello after a most tedious passage from England, she left Falmouth the 15 June, & in obedience to our Hoñble Masters, we now dispatch this Patamar with their Packet.

We are apprehensive the News we receiv'd overland by way of Persia of Admiral Vernon's taking Carthagena may not prove true, as it was said to be dated from London the 26th. May & Captain Fisher assures us that nothing more than the Outworks had surrender'd at that time.

Both your Honours Letters by the Ceres & Duke of Cumberland Sloop reach'd us in due time, & we received every thing agreeable to our Invoice.

We are
ANJENGO
14TH. MARCH 1741.2.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Humble servants
CHARLES WHITEHILL.
THOMAS PATTLE.
MAY SCLATER.

No. 36.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORG

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

We received a Letter from Mr. Secretary Savage dated the 26th. of last month, advising of Wares & two Chests of Medicines sent us by a Country Boat, which arrived yesterday, & came out right according to Invoice.

We send inclosed Your Honour &ct. our Accts. of Expences for February, Consultations & Cash Accounts for last month, Ballance whereof is in Star Pagodas, Fanams & Cash, Twenty two thousand & seventeen Pagodas twenty six Fanams & Seventy six Cash 22017.26.76.

Our Officers having deliver'd in their Muster Rolls of the European Soldiers when arrived in India & what Ships and when relisted either here or at Fort St. George, it being the best Account that can be given by the Soldiers themselves; We have order'd the same to be enter'd, to which we beg leave to be referred.

We are with respect
FORT ST. DAVID
4TH. APRIL 1742.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
EDWARD CROKE.
JOHN GRAHAM.
ROBERT ALLEN.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT.

LIST OF BALES.

Embaled ...	87
At the Beaters	54½
At the Washers	100
	241½ Bales.

No. 37.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Our last to Your Honour &ct. was by the Vizagapatam who left this place the 27th. Ultimo, by whom we sent 100 Bales of Callicoes Account & risque our Hoñble Masters which we hope are come safe to hand; The Duplicate of said Letter comes herewith as likewise Duplicates of the several Papers sent by that Conveyance, since when we have received the favour of Your Honour &ct. by the Venkatashia of the 10h. Ultimo, inclosing Invoice for 4 Chests of Musquets containing 100 laden by you on board that Vessel for the use of this Settlement which came out right; These Arms as well as the Gun Carriages rec̄d by the Vizagapatam arrived here in good time as we had not one Gun Carriage in the place that would bear twice firing and

but few small Arms that could be depended on; By the Help therefore of what we have now recd, we shall be capable of making a resolute defence in case the Morattas should think proper to be any ways troublesome to this place; Our last advices from Rajamundrum inform us that Alley Cooley Cawn had made up his Affairs with them for 45,000 Rupees, upon the receipt of which they retired as far as Elour & that part of their Army consisting of 15,000 Horse was in a readiness to march from thence for Mazulapatam, but as Emaum Sahib has been preparing for flight for some time past, we expect he will leave the place upon the first Advice of their approach; The other part of their Army it's reported designs their March by the Back of their Hills & it's believed will enter this Province by Chickacull; we will not answer for the truth of this report, but it has certainly alarmed not only all the Rajahs but the Nabob of this Province, the former having sent already all their Families to this place for protection & we expect the Nabob will do the Like in a few days, we have therefore begun to repair our Fortifications and are making a Palisado of Timbers from Flag Staff Hill to the Sea side which is 216 Yards, & hope to have the same compleated in ten days. Let the Morattas only remain without giving us any disturbance for one month, & it's then to be hoped we shall be so well prepared to receive them that we make no doubt but the reception they will then receive from us, will cause them to retire with greater precipitation than they approached, and as we are in hopes the extraordinary Charge we shall put our Hoñble Masters to on this occasion by the addition of Peons and Lascars will be made good by the encrease of our Customs & Revenues this year: We flatter ourselves our proceedings herein will therefore meet your approbation, which will be a satisfaction to

VIZAGAPATAM — HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

13TH. MARCH 1742. — Your Most Obedt. Huṁ Servants

JOHN STRATTON.
THOMAS SANDERS.

P.S. We are to request you will send us for the use of this Garrison 12 Cannon p^{z}: 12 to 16 Weight & shot proper for them.

Inclosed is our Cash Account for February.

No. 38.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &Cr. COUNCIL OF FORT St. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

I have recd your Favour of the 15th. Febry and shall duely observe the directions given me in the List of Goods I am order'd to provide this year.

In my Letter of the 17th. February I advised your Honour &ct. of the Reports that were then Current in these Parts about the Morattas not many days after I had certain Intelligence of their having destroyed great part of the Elore Country, also that a Party of them had attempted to enter this on the side of Peddaporum, but were repulsed by the Rajahs, who shut up two or three hundred of them in the woods whereof several perished for want of water and provisions, At the same time they wrote to our Nabob threatning to come to Rajahmundrum if he did not immediately comply with their demands, which he not being able to do & having no Force to oppose them, we hourly expected to see the whole Country in Confusion as we certainly should, had they not intercepted Letters from Cojah Maomen Chawn Soeba of Golcondah to our Nabob and Imaum Sahib, advising them of his being upon the March this way with a considerable Army which occasion'd them to retire with precipitation and we are told it was with difficulty they escaped being surprised by Coja Maomen Cawn who is still in pursuit of them. I am this day returned from a Bankall [*sic*] at the River's mouth, where I transported all the Company's Effects as well

as what Cloth was lying in the Merchants Godowns which I intend to let continue there till I see whether I shall be obliged to abandon the Factory a Second time.

I am with great respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient and most humble Servants [*sic*]
RICHARD PRINCE.

INGERAM
23D. MARCH 1741.2.

No. 39.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Your favour of the 14th. Instant advisg. me of Mr. Kelsall's coming to this place upon the Essex Brigantine was brought me last night.

I am just now told the Morattas are fled to the Hills on the other side Eloere & that our Nabob has joyned Coja Maomen Chawn with twenty thousand men, so that I am in hopes they will be able to prevent their returning, which when I am fully assured of, I shall write to the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam for a supply of money & let Your Honour &ct. know what quantity of Cloth the Merchants propose to bring in this year.

I am with all possible respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient & most humble Servant
RICHARD PRINCE.

INGERAM
24TH. MARCH 1741.2.

No. 40.

TO THE HONBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

On the 26th. February I wrote your Honour &ct. that I had shipped most part of the Hoñble Company's Goods on board the Experience Sloop & transported the rest to the other side of the River, from that time the Morattas drew daily nigher, & in their progress destroyed the Country till they assaulted & took Oendie a Fort about six hours journey hence, when I thought it time to leave the Factory and retired to the Sloop; They then went to Metchlepatam & were repulsed, till receiving intelligence that the Nabob of Golcondah came with a Force against them they speedily retreated, & are now a great distance from us, tho' it is not yet known whether they are gone beyond the Pass into this Country or not, & so long I shall keep in the same posture I have been for some time past, especially as the Country people have a rumour that twenty thousand more of them have enter'd the Pass at Coemelie near Vizagapatam.

The 28th. Ultimo I recd the General Letter dated the 15th. The Adjustments that are therein order'd for the Books of this Residency shall be obeyed, and whenever the prosecution of the Company's Investment in this Country and about Metchlepatam shall be consistent with prudence, I shall do my best to further that for which I was sent here.

As to the Chay Goods that have already been provided, I believe your Honour &ct. will be pleased to consider the unavoidable disadvantages I must necessarily have been subject to in the first year of trial & that at a short warning.

Inclosed is an Invoice of those that went by the Fort S^{t}. George Brigantine, an Abstract of such Differences between the Merchants real Ballances & those on the Books ending 30th. April 1741 as will in the ensuing Accounts be placed to the Debt of M^{r}. Goddard's Estate; And the Journal Parcells and Cash Accounts for the months of January & February.

I am with great respect,

MADDAPOLLAM
31st. MARCH 1742.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient & most Humble
Servant
JOHN HALLIBURTON.

	MERCHANTS BALLANCES AS ℔ JOURNAL COMMENCING THE 1st. MAY 1741.	MERCHANTS BALLANCES AS ℔ ACCO^{T}. CURR^{T}. WITH M^{R}. GODDARD SETTLED 16TH. MAY 1741.	DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO ACCOUNTS.
Coorsoor Daunia ..	1598 7 73	1593 9 72	4 34 1
Eneemooty Cawmadoo.	3345 5 3	1412 4 64	1933 — 19
Moolaperty Mawmadoo &c^{t}. Washers ..	232 2 59	163 32 6	68 6 53
Verasheram Paupia &c^{t}. Washers ..	183 16 59	115 30 63	67 21 67
Moucantry & Mullou.	4003 7 39	Mouk^{y}. & Mull: 418 26 8 / Mull: apart 1138 25 16 } 1557 15 24	2445 28 15
Phoala Surripa & Weyma^{l}. Ramadoo.	2059 27 47	Surripa & Rama^{n} 836 — 72 / Ramad apart 460 18 — } 1296 18 72	763 8 55
Sankana	2776 34 12	752 32 16	2022 1 76 [*sic*]
Bompana	139 17 5	105 22 40	33 30 45
Bomprauze ..	103 13 22	69 4 8	34 9 14
John Servoy ..	4306 28 76	1542 18 —	2764 10 76
Casoordas	2465 10 75	1808 23 32	656 23 43
Eram Chittee ..	2071 11 29	1213 27 —	857 20 29
	23285 3 10	11633 22 77	11651 16 13

ERRORS EXCEPTED
P^{r}.
JOHN HALLIBURTON.

No. 41.

To the HoÑble RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HoÑble SIR & SIRS

The Ship Apollo Captain Glen Comma^{r}. arriving here some time since from Bengall in order to dispose of her Cargo, and now going from hence directly to Fort S^{t}. George, We have taken this opportunity to put on board ninety seven 97 Bales of the HoÑble Company's Callicoes, which is all we have embaled on hand amounting to Star Pagodas five thousand eight hundred & fifty seven, & nine Fanams 5857. 9, & Allumparra one thousand one hundred & sixty one Pagodas & fifteen Fanams 1161. 15, as Per Invoice which comes inclosed with the Bill of Loading, it being on Account & risque of our HoÑble Masters.

We have also inclosed an Invoice for the nineteen 19 Bales sent your Honour &c^{t}. the 21st. of February last by Ship George, which was not then prized with our Brokers, the same amounting to Allumparra Pagodas one thousand eight hundred & fifty seven, one Fanam & forty Cash 1857. 1. 40.

Two Soldiers belonging to the Garrison Samuel Voture & Samuel Pinchin petition to lay down the Hoñble Company's service, as having served out their contracted times & to repair to England by the first Ship that goes from Fort S^{t}. George & fearing least they should not have so good an opportunity to be sent up thither in order to be ready to embark, request our leave that they may go on Captain Glen's Ship & receive their discharge from your Honour &c^{t}. which we have accordingly granted & hope it will meet with your approbation. We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
24TH. APRIL 1742.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Obedient Servants
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
EDWARD CROKE.
JOHN GRAHAM.
ROBERT ALLEN.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT.

No. 42.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{T}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

The Duplicate of our Letter by Ship Apollo Captain Glen Commander, comes hereto annexed, & the Duplicate Invoices & Bill of Lading mention'd therein are here inclosed.

We are with respect

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
25TH. APRIL 1742.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Obedient Servants
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
EDWARD CROKE.
JOHN GRAHAM.
ROBERT ALLEN.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT.

No. 43.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{T}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Our last was under the 9th. December, since when on the 23^{d}. of that month came to hand your Favour of the 30th. October.

The two Boats desired by Your Honour &c^{t}. which we mention'd in our's of the 21st. November to have order'd to be set about, being compleated we now dispatch them to you in company with the Onslow & a Sloop built for Bengall, the latter of which will see them to your Port; The Account Cost & Charges of fitting them comes inclosed, together with some directions which our Master Carpenter informs us, if observed, will tend to preserve & render them durable for many years; For navigating them down, we have put a European on board each, tho' we are sorry it is not in our power to procure a Couple of Tindalls to continue in them as your Honour &c^{t}. desired.

Lieutenant Lane some time since deliver'd us a Letter, Copy whereof comes inclosed, by which you will perceive he alledges that during his stay at Madrass he actually by your Honour's &c^{t}. orders did the duty of his Station, tho' the pay he received was only thirty Rupees ℔ month & the Allowance of such an Officer on our Establishment is Fifty one Rupees, two Quarters, fifteen Raes, (Rup^{s}. 51. 2. 15) so that at that rate he was paid short during the seven months one hundred fifty Rup^{s}. three quarters, five Raes, & which he requested us to allow; We desire therefore your Honour &c^{t}. will please to acquaint us in what manner he was employed at your place, & how far you think him entitled to the payment claim'd.

With this your Honour &c^{t}. will receive several species of Silver namely, Five Nadaress, Five Zelottas Five Piasters Five Goa Pardoes, Five six Shahie Pieces & Five twenty Shahie Pieces, which we desire Your Honour &c^{t}. will order to be assayed, & at the same time be pleased to inform us what they as well as other sorts of silver coins, whether Europe or India do yeild Nett in Rupees at your Mint computed upon one hundred Ounces of each sort of Silver explaining duely the Standard and Weight of your Rupees.

We dispatched our Hoñble Masters Ship Queen Caroline & Hallifax for Great Britain the 23^{d}. January, & the Onslow now proceeds to China. We are

BOMBAY CASTLE
11TH. April 1742.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants

P.S. Your Honour &c^{t}. will please to remark the two Europeans sent in charge of the Boats are under no further engagement than to carry them down, & unless you think necessary to entertain them they are to be no charge to our Hoñble Masters.

STEVEN LAW.
JOHN GEEKIE.
JOHN MORLEY.
GEORGE DUDLEY.
EDWARD OWEN.

RULES NECESSARY TO BE OBSERVED FOR PRESERVING RABBIT-BUILT VESSELS FROM DECAY & KEEPING THEM IN GOOD REPAIR.

Once every year in fair dry Weather they ought to be hauled ashore and their Inside paid with Gingerly Oyl & Dammer well boil'd together, 15 Maunds Bombay of Oyl & 1½ Maunds of Dammer will make a proper mixture & be sufficient for the purpose, & they ought to continue ashore 15 or 20 days to let the Oyl dry & soak into the Plank & Timbers.

From the Keel to the Black Streak is all Rabbit Work, and cannot admit of any Caulking, but the Upper part of the Black Streak & all above it must be well caulked once every year.

When their Outside Bottom is clean'd & paid, which ought to be done at least every three months, care must be taken not to bream them to much, as a great heat of Fire will melt the Dammer within the Rabbit & make it run out.

When any part of a Plank is bad, so as to occasion a Leak, a piece must be taken out and a Gobaree put in, which may be done by any Surat or Bombay Carpenters that happen to be at Bengall.

If those Rules are duly observed the Vessels in all probability may run 15 years without wanting much repairs to their Bottoms, & if they are then worm eaten they may be sent hither or to Surat to be doubled, for our Builders here do not approve of Sheathing Rabbit worked Vessels, as the nailing on the Sheathing breaks the Rabbit and destroys the Plank.

BOMBAY
11TH. APRIL 1742.

To the Hoñble Stephen Law Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^t^. Council of Bombay.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

At the time I was entertain'd by the Hoñble Court of Directors in their Service I was necessitated to request of them a sum of fifty Pownds for providing certain Necessaries & preparing for my Voyage which they were pleased to Indulge me with & I passed a Bond for the amount payable in India your Honour &c^t^. are sensible of the ship Royal Guardian, on whom I took passage proceeding to Madrass where I was obliged to continue seven months, during all which time by command of the President and Council I acted in my Station of Lieutenant tho' the pay I received was no more than at the rate of thirty Rupees ℔ Month & the real allowance on this Establishment is fifty one Rupees, two Quarters, fifteen Raes, so that there remains due one hundred and fifty Rupees, three Quarters and five Reas, as so much short received in that time. this I hope your Honour &c^t^. will think me justly entitled to & esteem it in part of a Clearance of the premention'd Bond & the remainder I now tender.

I am,

with the greatest respect
Hoñble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
William Lane.

Bombay
7^th^. January 1741.2.

No. 44.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^t^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

On the 21^st^. Instant imported our Hoñble Masters Ship Onslow and in Company with her the Bombay Sloop bound to Bengall & two large Boats for the Service of your Presidency, one of which named the Fort S^t^. George having carried away her Mast in the passage, we have at the Master's request supplied him with a Poon Mast of twenty & three Quarter Covits long & eleven Borells & three Quarters Circumference, the Cost of which and making being Rupees 102. 80. Raes please to credit the Presidency of Bombay for, as well as Rupees 5, the Charges of five Toneys of Water.

The Fort S^t^. George arrived the 18^th^. of November, and after having received part of her Cargo here, she proceeded to Anjengo on the 22^d^. where her Lading was compleated, and she sail'd thence to Great Britain on the eighth of December: We filled up the Queen Carolina at Callicutt, which Port she left the 9^th^. of February and the Hallifax's was compleated here by the 8^th^. of that month, both which Ships joyn'd at Anjengo and proceeded from thence in Company on the 15^th^. The Porto Bello arrived the 25^th^. Ultimo, and sail'd on the 27^th^. to Bombay, By that Ship we received a short Letter from the Hoñble Company, but no other material Advices than what came by the Queen Caroline.

We are with great respect

Hoñble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t^. Huñ Servants
William Wake.
William Jeynson.
George Hamilton.

Tellicherry
24^th^. April 1742.

No. 45.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^r^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

The last I wrote was dated the 31^st^. of March, since thence this Country is entirely resettled; On the 3^d^. Instant the Sarang of the Neptune Brigantine deliver'd me the Stores laden on her for this Residency agreeable to the Invoice, and on the 11^th^. M^r^. Kelsall arriv'd.

Enclosed are the Cash Account and Journal-parcels for the month of March

I am

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient and most
Humble Servant
John Halliburton.

Maddapollam
30^th^. April 1742.

No. 46.

To the Honble Richard Benyon Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^r^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

We must desire your Hon^r^. &c^t^. to send us down as soon as possible twenty thousand 20000 Pagodas, as the Brokers have already & are now bringing in Cloth to near the amount of what we have already advanced them, The Harvest of Cotton being now ripe, & the French having made a large Contract with their Merchants, we think this a proper time to set ours more earnestly to work and advance them money, which perhaps may enable them to be beforehand with the French; We shall send up a considerable Sum, particularly Salem, as we hope by that means to engage for most of the Cloth from that place, before they begin to stir there.

We are with respect

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Servants
Augustus Burton &c^r^.

Fort S^t^. David
13^th^. May 1742.

No. 47.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^r^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

We did not receive your favour of the 28^th^. Jañry 174$\frac{2}{1}$ till the 20^th^. September following, & the return of this Ship is the first occasion has offer'd of acknowledging it.

As an inducement to the Armenians consenting to land their Goods here, we have with regard to the Freight brought on the Ceres obtained of the Persian Government that they should pay no more than seven ℔ Cent, have their Goods examined & passed in our Factory, with all other good treatment they can reasonably desire, which are also promised us shall be duly observed hereafter for any Freight brought on our Ships.

We note your Honour &c^{t}. receiving of the Owners of Galatea, the 2 ℔ Cent on the sales she made at Bourchier, but late orders of the Company are in future to collect of all Ships trading to that or any other Port in the Gulph the same Customs as are payable at Gombroon, which will amount to 3 ℔ Cent (Brokerage not included) on their Imports & 1 ℔ Cent Export Duty.

The Governour & Council of Bombay we presume may have advised your Honour &c^{t}. of the necessary Restrictions to be observed in relation to the Sale of Ships in this Gulph, (as a precaution against any ill consequences that may arise from a too indiscriminate practice) which we hope may without difficulty be complied with, as we shall assist such as are so disposed all in our power.

We are with great respect

GOMBROON
14TH. APRIL 1742.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^{t}. Huñ Servants
NATHANIEL WHITWELL.
S^{r}. GEORGE PACK.
JOHN PEIRSON.

No. 48.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{r}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{r}. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

We received a Letter from M^{r}. Secretary Savage of the 16th. Instant, advising that twenty thousand 20,000, Pagodas would set out the next day, & yesterday we received your Honour &c$^{t's}$. Favour of the 17th. accompaning [*sic*] that sum, which turns out right.

We are with respect,

FORT S^{r}. DAVID
22^{D}. MAY 1742.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Obedient Servants
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
EDWARD CROCKE[*sic*].
JOHN GRAHAM.
ROBERT ALLEN.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT.

No. 49.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{r}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{r}. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Having been inform'd by our returning Peons, that the 1st. Instant they found a Soldier (Frederick Buik Van Onhagon by name, who had deserted from this Garrison) within your Bounds; We beg the favour of your Honour &c^{t}. to deliver the said Deserter to the Bearer, who is our Head Peon & three others, & shall be ready to oblige you on the like occasion, being with respect,

HO^{N}BLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Humble & most
Obedient Servants
ISAAC DIAS DA FONSECA.
MALACHIAS DE LA VIGNE.
P^{s}. MATTHÆUS.
B. S. VAN VRYENES.

PULLICAT
5TH. JUNE 1742.

No. 50.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^t^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

By the Essex Brigantine I received Duplicate of what you wrote me the 11^th^. March inclosing Invoice & Bill of Lading for the Stores & Stationary Ware sent upon her.

M^r^. Kelsall set out for Maddapollam the 8^th^. Ultimo & M^r^. Churchey arrived here the 10^th^.

The Morattas retired without giving us any further trouble, & we are at present under no apprehensions of their returning this season.

The Merchants have promised to bring in two hundred Bales of Cloth by the middle of August, provided they are not molested in their Business by the Country Government, which of late has been very troublesome to us; Our Nabob has several times importuned me to lend him money, & the Merchants are daily insulted & abused by the Tonnedar of this place on the same Account, who not long since threatned to confine them if they did not let him have a thousand Pag^s^. to make up his Kisty money, whereupon I instantly dispatched our Vakeel to the Camp to acquaint the Nabob of his unwarrantable behavour [*sic*], & in case I have not a satisfactory answer intend to follow him, & use all possible means to prevent their making any further demands either upon me or the Merchants.

At the foot hereof is an Account of what Cloth is now at the Washers and embaled.

I am with great respect

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient and most Humble Servant
Richard Prince.

Ingeram
11^th^. May 1742.

Account of Cloth at Nellepilly Viz^t^.

Long Cloth Ordinary at the Washers ..	24	—	—
Sallampores D^o^. D^o^. ..	2	—	—
Long Cloth Fine Brown	8	—	—
Bales ..	34	—	—

No. 51.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^t^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

The 3^d^. Instant I received from Vizagapatam Four thousand, 4000, Pagodas with advice that it was all that could be spared, and as the Chay Investment will require some money & ought to be begun now, I beg you will be pleased to supply me in such a manner as Your Hon^r^. &c^t^. shall judge most speedy & convenient; Enclosed are the Accounts for the month of April. I am with great respect

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient & most Humble Servant
Jñ. Halliburton.

Maddapollam
13^th^. May 1742.

No. 52.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esqr.
President & Governour &cr. Council of Fort Sr. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

We had last night the Honour of receiving your Letter of the 27th. OS. concerning the Soldier Fredrick Buicke, all that he alledges is false for we find by his Account taken from the Ship Losdregt, that he was born at Onhagen & not at Hanover as he says, & that he contracted anew for three years the 19th. August 1737, & again for three more the 1st. of March 1741, which plainly shews that his time is not expired, besides your Honour &ct. may be assured we keep nobody against their inclination after they have served their Contracted time.

As we have not the power to grant a pardon we wait for orders from our Superiours on that head.

We are

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Pulliacat
9th. June 1742.

Your most Obedient & most Humble Servants
Isaac Dias Da Fonseca &cr.

No. 53.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esqr.
President & Governour &cr. Council of Fort Sr. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

We herein send inclosed to your Honour &ct. an Account of our Expences for the months of March & April, the Consultations & Cash Accounts for April and May, the Ballance of the last is in star Pagodas, Fanams & Cash Twenty four thousand four hundred & seventy eight Pagodas, thirty five Fanams and thirty two Cash, 24478. 35. 32.

Our Storekeeper gave in at the Closing of our Books on the last of April an Account of the damaged & worn out Stores, the particulars of which are enter'd after that day's Consultation, & the Committee's report concerning them after our Consultation of the 1st. May, to which we beg leave to refer, & to desire your Honour &ct. Orders concerning them, as well as the useless Guns & a Brass Mortar at the foot of the said Account.

The Steward having reported on the closs. of the Books, the condition of the Household Furniture, as the same is set forth on our Consultation of the last of April; We humbly beg your Honour &ct. Consent, that as the same are worn out & useless, as no Household Goods have been bought for the use of the Hoñble Company at this Settlement for many years, they may be sold at outcry, & the large Peer Glasses be sent up to Fort St. George, and that New Furniture may be bought, not exceeding the Prime Cost of the former as it stands upon the Hoñble Company's Books at present.

We are with much respect

Fort Sr. David
4th. June 1742.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs
Your Obedient Servants
Augustus Burton.
Edward Croke.
John Graham.
Robert Allen.
Charles Floyer.
William Holt.

List of Bales.

Embaled	...	62
At the Beaters	...	76
At the Washers	...	96½
	Bales	234½

No. 54.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^t^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

This is to accompany our Packet for the President & Council of Bombay & what we are to request your Honour &c^t^. will please to forward them with what expedition possible.

The King of Travencore has had great Success against the Dutch & retaken all the Forts they have erected in his Country since the warr with a large Stock of Ammunition & Provisions & a great number of Guns, Europeans some have listed in his Service, which with what he has in prison far exceeds the number the Dutch themselves have.

We are with due respect

Hoñble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t^. Huñ Servants
Charles Whitehill.
Thomas Pattle.
May Sclater.

No. 55.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^t^. Council of Fort S^t^. George

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

We addressed your Honour &c^t^. last by the two Boats design'd for the Service of the West Coast who were to proceed to your Port in Company with the Bombay Sloop bound for Bengall, since When We this day received your Favour of the 8^th^. Ultimo.

Our Hoñble Masters Ship Porto Bello imported here the 24^th^. Instant, by whom we have not receiv'd any particular News with regard to the situation of Affairs in Europe, that Ship was dispatched the 27^th^. May last, but did not leave Falmouth till the 18^th^. June, the Tygris our Honble Masters are pleased to inform us they intended should call either at Tellicherry or Anjengo for landing a Quantity of Woolen Goods with some Iron, thō she was not arrived at Anjengo the 15^th^. Ultimo or at Tellicherry the 26^th^.

Our Gentlemen at Anjengo have lately complained of Private Shipping resorting to the Ports lying contiguous to that Settlement in hopes of procuring Pepper, an instance of which they had this Season by one Rickards in comand of the Ship Lancaster belonging to Bengall, but here we must take leave to remark to your Honour &c^t^. that such a Conduct, in the present situation of the Countries round that settlement may be productive of very ill consequences as well with respect to the Dutch who are continuing their Incroachments & would be glad of any handle to warrant their proceedings, so they would gladly embrace so plausible a pretext as our supplying those they call their Enemies with Munition of War, & which, had they detected the above Riccards, would have been undeniable as he was, by what we can learn, actually bartering Salt-petre for Pepper, nor would that prove the only evil, for where there are so many Competitors for a Commodity the price will of course enhance & our Hoñble Masters at length must be deprived of the usual Quantities procured, or submit to pay a most extravagant rate; We must therefore desire your Honour &c^t^. will issue a prohibition against ships calling at any Port near Anjengo, that should they have any Business to transact thereabouts they repair to Anjengo, where our Gentlemen will, we are assured, readily contribute their assistance, & besides the credit it will give us in the eyes of the Natives will still have this better effect of obviating many ill conveniencies that must otherwise ensue.

We learn from Anjengo a Packet received from our Hoñble Masters by the Porto Bello had been forwarded to you, which we hope came safe to your hands. We are

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Humble Servants

Bombay Castle
26th. April 1742.

Stephen Law.
" "
John Morley.
William Sedgwicke.
George Dudley.
Edward Owen.

No. 56.

To the Hon̄ble Richard Benyon Esqr.

President & Governour &ct. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

The Ship George imported here the 18th. of March, by whom we received your Honour's &ct. favour of the 14th. inclosing Invoice & Bill of Lading for Treasure & Stores laden on her for the use of this Settlement, which came out right according to Invoice, we should have dispatched Captain Clarke for the Port of Calcutta the next day after his Arrival, but that he desired to remain at this Port till the 24th. as he did not think it safe to venture into Ballasore Road upon the Moon, so that it was the 24th. of March before he sail'd hence, by him we sent consigned to the Hon̄ble President & Council of Fort William a Chest of Treasure containing seven thousand Madrass Rupees (7000) M. R. Account & Risque our Hon̄ble Masters, & are now to inform you that our present Cash in Madrass Rupees is no more than two thousand & forty, 2040, which we thought necessary to detain here, as we must otherwise have been obliged to apply to you for a Supply of that specie in order to pay the approaching Kisty.

The Vizagapatam arrived here the 13th. Ultimo, by whom we received the favour of your honour &ct. of the 29th. March, inclosing Invoice & Bill of Lading for Wares & Stores laden on her for the use also of this Settlement which we received in good order; The Vizagapatam brought us also 31 Recruits, but we have now the satisfaction to inform you, That the beginning of last month we received advices that the Morattas were retired out of the Elour & Rajamundrum Country, and as it was believed they would not return again this Season, we thereupon dismissed seventy of the Peons taken into the Service on occasion of the Disturbances in those parts, & as we have not heard any further News of them since that time, we dismissed the remaining thirty the beginning of this month, & flatter ourselves ere it's long we shall be able to reduce the expences of this Garrison to it's old Standard, provided we meet with no troubles from the new Nabob that is appointed to the Government of this Province by name Jaffer Alley Cawn; It has been reported for this month passed that he had left Golconda & was actually on his way for Chickkacull, but as he is not yet arrived or even heard of lately we hope from the delay that he has been recalled by Chickleys Cawn, & that Moposs Cawn (the present Nabob) will be order'd to continue in the Government; Should this be the case it will be very fortunate for all the people of this Country as they live very easy & happy under the present Administration, & we the more earnestly desire a Continuance being well assured it will be for the Interest of our Hon̄ble Masters, not only in the business of the Company's Investment, but in all other respects.

Some few days after the George arrived here we sent Mr. Prince Pagodas 5000 agreeable to his request & in a Letter acknowledging the receipt thereof, he desired a further supply of Pagodas 10,000 for that his Merchants had promised to furnish him with Pagodas 30,000 of Cloth, but Mr. Hallyburton writing at the same time for a supply of Cash, we could not therefore supply him with the whole of what wrote for, & therefore sent him only 6000 & Mr. Hallyburton 4000, We are therefore to request you will send us a further supply of Pags. 50000 by the first good conveyance to answer the demands of Mr. Prince, Mr. Halliburton & the Investment of this place. We are also to request your Honour &ct. will furnish us by the same conveyance will [*sic*] 12000 Half Rupees, & the like Number of Quarter Rupees, as it will be very beneficial to this place by the Currency of small money & prevent the Banyans from rising the price of Dubs, a practice they are often addicted to, which occasions our Military often times to murmer & out of our power to prevent, but by introducing the Currency aforemention'd.

The Rents of our several Farms expiring here the end of last month, the same was therefore put up at publick Outcry the 1st. Curr. to the best bidder & bought in by the Old Farmers at an Advance on the whole of 300 Rupees a year & Cowles given them accordingly for 2 years.

Inclosed you will receive Cash and Paymaster's Accounts for the months of March & April, also our open Accounts Current with your Presidency & the Peons bring you our Duplicate Books for the year 1740.

Notwithstanding the disturbances that have lately happen'd in these parts, we are still in hopes of furnishing you with 500 Bales of Good Cloth by the last of December, we have now very near 100 Bales of Brown Cloth in our Godowns & at the Washers; Which is what offers at present from

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

JOHN STRATTON.
THOMAS SAUNDERS.

VIZAGAPATAM,
11TH. MAY 1742.

P.S.—Indent for Wares comes inclosed.

VIZAGAPATAM
10TH. MAY 1742.

INDENT OF SUNDRY WARES WANTING AT VIZAGAPATA THIS 10TH. MAY 1742.

BROAD CLOTH Superfine Scarlet	..	6 Pieces.
BROAD CLOTH Fine Scarlet	..	6
Green	..	3
Yellow	..	3
BROAD CLOTH Midling Green	..	3
Yellow	..	3
BROAD CLOTH Ordinary Red	..	6
EMBOSSED CLOTH Yellow	..	4
VELVET Black	..	1
Blew	..	1
Red	..	1
Green	..	1
PERPETUANOES Ordinary Blew	..	1

THOMAS SAUNDERS,
Wareh: kr

No. 57.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esqr.
President and Governour &cr. Council of Fort Sr. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Since the closing of our last to your Honr. &ct. of the 11th. Current we have received a Letter from Mr. Richard Prince dated the 8th. Advising a demand that was made on him by Alley Cooly Cawn the Nabob of Rajamundrum & desiring our Advice therein, but as we apprehend the Affair to fall immediately under the notice of your Honour &ct. we wrote him to that purpose; Copy of his Letter to us & our Answer thereto we have thought proper to inclose for your perusal, & are

Hoñble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedinet Humble Servants
John Stratton
Thomas Saunders.

Vizagapatam
13th. May 1742.

To John Stratton Esqr.
Chief &cr. Council of Vizagapatam.

Sirs

This is on purpose to inform you of the troubles I have met with of late from the Country Government, Our Nabob has insisted upon my lending him two thousand Pagodas & letting him have thirty thousand Rupees in exchange for Madrass Pagodas at three Rupees thirteen Anaes ℔ Pagoda, I wrote him that we never brought any Rupees into this Country & that I had no money to lend, but without giving me any further answer sent an order to the Tonnedar of this place to impeede our Business as much as he was able, who Yesterday sent for the Company's Merchants to his House under pretext of examining an Affair between a Banyan & another person; After which he sent 20 or 30 Peons to Nellipelly to bring the Washers to him, several of whom he whipped and used in a barbarous manner & threatned to do the same by the Merchants, who rather than undergoe the punishment & for the sake of Getting released, agreed to give them 150 Pagodas; A few days past I sent the Nabob his Annual Present & this moment I received a Letter from our Vakeel acquainting me that Hussain Cooly Cawn his Uncle, to whose management every thing is left, took the most part of what was sent for the Nabob, & told the Vakeel if he did not send for as much more in the room of it he should be punished as the Dutch Chief of Hakanarra's Dubash had been a few days before; We have hourly Accounts of their robbing & plundering the Country people, & as their behaviour to us is likely to be a very great hindrance to the Company's Affairs; Your speedy answer to this will greatly oblige.

Sirs
Your most humble Servant
Richard Prince.

Ingeram
8th. May 1742.

To Mr. Richard Prince
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

Last night we received your favour of the 8th. Current & are concerned to find thereby that you are under some apprehensions from your Nabob, whom you believe will greatly impeede the Business of our Hoñble Masters Investment at your place, if you do not consent to lend him Pagodas 2000 & moreover to let him have Rupees 30,000 in exchange for Pagodas at 3. 13 each, We are really at a loss to account for the above proceedure of your Nabob At first we observe him so streightned for money that he applies to you for the loan of Pagodas 2000, & afterwards he tells you that he has so many by him of that Specie that he insists upon your exchanging near 8000 Pagodas into Rupees; If we may be so free as to judge of his Necessities from

his Transactions, we might believe from the present circumstances of his Affairs that he wants you to make him a present of 2000 Pagodas, & to lend him 30,000 Rupees on his Note of hand; We hope this is not really the case, but should it be so, we believe if you was to suspend & do no business for some time it would be greatly for our Hoñble Masters Interest, than to persue it on those hard conditions, for then your Nabob would in a few months be so sensible of the difference by the stoppage of Trade with the people of his Country in the want of Pagodas to pay the King's Revenue, that he might in future think it for his Interest to encourage Strangers without introducing any new impositions, besides the Weavers who are a very beneficial Branch of his Revenue may be led to retire to another Province when they cannot find an end to their labour in his Country, by which he will then lose the benefit that ariseth both from the Merchant & Subject.

As to the affair of the Present design'd by you for the Nabob & detain'd by his Uncle, we are of opinion that the same is of so little moment with respect to the Affairs of the Investment, that we cannot think any notice would have been taken of the same if you had made the same good by sending a Second of the like value, especially as the person of your Vakell might be insulted & abused in case of Refusal, as you say was the case of the Dutch Chief's Dubash of Hacanarra upon the like occasion.

Notwithstanding the Settlement of Ingeram is in some degree subordinate to this place & therefore whenever the Resident there see occasion he may require our best advice & Assistance, yet in respect to any innovations imposed on you by the Nabob of your Province, we cannot help being of opinion but that the Hoñble President & Council of Fort S^{t}. George are the properest & only persons to be applied to for their advise & orders, especially when the Cash of our Hoñble Masters is to be given away, which the lending of money to your Nabob, we apprehend will be really the Case, & therefore flatter ourselves you have not omitted writing the Hoñble President & Council concerning the situation of your Affairs, & as we are sensible of the regard you have for their Interest, We make no doubt but you will act in all respects that will be most conducive thereto till you receive an answer from them, for to be ingenious with you we cannot think our power extends to the giving away of our Hoñble Masters Cash without an order from our Superiours. We are

SIR

Your most Humble Servants

JOHN STRATTON.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.

VIZAGAPATAM

13TH. MAY 1742.

N^{o}. 58.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{T}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

This serves to inform your Honour &c^{t}. that this morning about 6 o' Clock Lieutenant Edward Amyand departed this life at Cuddalore of a long indisposition, after some few days being confined to his Bed; The Deputy Governour therefore in consideration of the distance of that Garrison from his place of Residence, has thought proper to order Lieutenant John De Morgan to reside at Cuddalore & take the Second Company of Soldiers under his command for the present, & the Deputy Governour will take care of the first Company himself, till such time as we receive further

directions from the President, or another fit person is nominated by your Honour &c^{t}. to supply this vacancy.

We are

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Obedient Servants
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
EDWARD CROKE.
JOHN GRAHAM.
ROBERT ALLEN.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
9TH. JUNE 1742.

No. 59.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{T}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Inclosed is Duplicate of our last ℔ Porto Bello Sloop who went from hence the 6th. Instant to your Honour &c^{t}.

We now dispatch the Princess Louisa Sloop with eight hundred Bags of Saltpetre for the use of your Presidency as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading inclosed, amounting to Current Rupees nine thousand two hund^{d}. & five 9205.

On this Sloop we also send three Chests more of Europe Gunpowder, which with three sent ℔ Porto Bello were all return'd from the Princess Augusta.

We are

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Huñ. Servants
THOMAS BRADDYLL.
JOHN FORSTER.
WILLIAM DAVIS.
WILLIAM BARWELL.

FORT WILLIAM
8TH. MARCH 1741. 2.

No. 60.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{T}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

We have received your favour by the Vernon Sloop under date the 15th. Ultimo.

We have in our former Letters given your Honour &c^{t}. the reasons for our detaining the Princess Augusta & the Sloops & appropriating the Bales they were at first loaded with to fill up the Scarborough and Kent from hence.

We have enquired of William Davis Esq^{r}. & Mess^{rs}. Jackson & Wedderburn concerning the Lead bought of the Hoñble Company at Madrass & consign'd to them on the Ship Mercury, who having examined into the same, report that they find it turn out good.

Inclosed comes Duplicate of our last to your Honour &c^{t}. ℔ Princess Louisa Sloop.

We are

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Humble Servants
THOMAS BRADDYLL.
" "
WILLIAM DAVIS.
WILLIAM BARWELL.

FORT WILLIAM
16TH. MARCH 1741. 2.

No. 61.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esqr.
President & Governour &cr. Council [at] Fort Sr. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

We addressed your Honour &ct. under dates the 8th. & 16th. Ultimo ℔ our Hoñble Masters Sloop Princess Louisa & ℔ Vernon Sloop, both which Vessels were by stress of Weather forced back again, We therefore now inclose to your Honour &ct. the advices intended by them.

We have since received your favours of the 13th. & 14th. Ultimo ℔ Ships Sumatra & George & of the 24 . of the same ℔ Ship Vernon & Raddabullub Pinnace.

The Treasure & other Goods ℔ Sumatra are landed here, except the Copper, & the Treasure came out right according to Invoice, as did one Chest containing seven thousand Madrass Rupees sent us by. the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam on the George, this Ship we shall dispose of for the most she will fetch, as Your Honour &ct. are pleased to desire.

We have order'd a Survey on the Sum[atra] & shall give her such repairs as may be found necessary, & have her ready to proceed Back to Your Honour in August with Salt Petre or Rice as you shall hereafter advise us.

We observe Your Honour &ct. have credited our Account for the amount of the Admiral Vernon's Invoice. We shall also, agreable thereto, credit your Account Current for the amounts of the Invoices ℔ Scarbrō & Kent & debt you for Goods sent up ℔ Princess Augusta.

We shall use our best endeavours to dispose of the Perpetuanoes & observe that you have been pleased to send some additional Bales from your Warehouse as they were entirely out of demand with you, we have not yet regu[lar]ly surveyed these Goods but some of the Bales appear damaged.

We have received the several Articles of Private Trade sent by Sumatra & shall deliver the same to the different Proprietors on demand.

The Gentlemen at Vizagapatam ha[ve] not thought fit to send us the Pagodas your Honour &ct. men[tion]so we presume they were not under any Apprehensions from the Morattas march.

We are pleased that the Men, Stores &ct. sent your Honour &ct. ℔ Princess Augusta arrived safe & was acceptable.

We observe your Honour &ct. design us [a] further supply of Treasure by the return of the Sloops, which [will] be very agreable to us, having been obliged to take up large sum[s] at Interest to carry on our Hoñble Masters Business.

As we have heard nothing of the Porto Bello since her departure from hence, We flatter ourselves she got clear & will arrive with you safe.

A few days past we had advice from Cossembuzar that a strong body of Morattas were advanc[ed] as far as Nogpoor, about twelve days march from Muxada[vad] which greatly alarmed the Country all round, but one Na[bob] Alliverdee Cawn, being returned with a considerable Force [from] Cuttack as far as Midnapore, we hope he will be able to st[op] their progress & hinder the ill. effects which their coming in

[*The latter part of letter No.* 61, *the whole of letters Nos.* 62 *and* 63 *and the earlier portion of letter No.* 64 *are missing.*]

Merchants, we cannot send Your Honour &ct. the Amount of their value, but shall do it as soon as possible, The Invoice of which & Bill of Lading come Inclosed.

The Deputy Governour having reported to the Board that a large Quantity of Salem Cloth is already come in & much more expected continually, he thinks it proper to advance a considerable sum to the Merchants, from time to time, for the Investment at that place. We therefore desire your Honour &ct. to send us down as soon as possible the sum of twenty thousand 20,000 Pagodas.

Richard Whiteing a Soldier in the first Company having served out his Contracted time & is desirous to return to his Native Country, has petition'd to have leave to go to Fort S^{t}. George in order thereto, we have therefore sent him on board the Ship Lancaster for that purpose.

The 12th. Instant in the Evening a French Shippe Ship named the Hercules Captain Cheverey Commander passed by this road & anchored to the Northward; The next morning she arrived at Pondicherry, & we have since advices from thence, that she has imported eighty 80 Chests of Silver. The 15th. at night the Lys another French Europe Ship anchored in our Road, the next morning gone into Pondicherry Road, so soon as we have advice what Goods & Treasure she imports we shall inform your Honour &c^{t}. of it.

We are with much respect

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
18TH. JUNE 1742.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Obedient Servants
AUGUSTUS BURTON &C^{T}.

P.S.
Since the foregoing we have had advice from Pondicherry that the Ship Lys imported one hundred 100 Chests of Silver.

A.B. &C^{T}.

No. 65.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{T}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

This serves only to inclose our Duplicate Invoice & second Bill of Lading for one hundred & thirty Bales of Collicoes laden on board the Ship Lancaster, the Copy of our Letter which accompanied it is hereunto annexed.

We are
FORT S^{T}. DAVID
18TH. JUNE 1742.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
EDWARD CROKE.
JOHN GRAHAM.
ROBERT ALLEN.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT.

No. 66.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{T}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

'Twas not without some surprise that we were informed by our Chief at Pulli cat, that you make some difficulty to deliver up one of our Deserters from thence t your Settlement (Frederick Beuke Van Onhagen by name) without a full assuranc

of Pardon, which is contrary to the agreement made in the year 1696 between your Predecessor Mr. Nathaniel Higinson, & our Company, which on our part has always been strictly observed to this day as we can demonstrate by many Examples & some very recent ones, particularly of the last year, when six of your Men ran away with a Boat to our aforesaid Settlement at Pulliacat & were immediately deliver'd up upon your reclaiming them without any previous Condition & this agreement was also observed by your Predecessors, with this exception that now & then they have desired that the Deserters might not be put to death, which has also been sometimes granted protesting nevertheless that it should not serve for a Precedent, but a full pardon has never been insisted on by your part, well considering that such an agreement would only be opening a Door for other Villians to desert to the prejudice of the Royall English Company as well as our's; And whereas we have always on our part strictly kept up to the aforesaid Agreement, we desire you by Virtue thereof to deliver up the aforesaid Deserter, without any previous promise, to our Servants at Pulliacat, which if you agree to, we desire you will give the Chief there Notice of, that he may send some of our people for him, and we further offer you hereby to renew the aforesaid Contract on either side or agreeable to our Conditions offered in our Letter of the 8th. September of the preceeding year, or to make you all the Concessions possible, we even consent not to punish Deserters with death or publick punishment, & should you not agree to this we must in the mean time be obliged to protest, as we do hereby, that we do not look upon ourselves to be answerable for any damages that may arise from not putting the said agreement in execution.

In the mean time we heartily salute you & remain

HoÑble Sir & Sirs

Your Faithfull Friends and most Humble Servants

Jacob Mossel &ct. Council.

Negapatam Castle
24th. June 1742 N.S.

Translate.

To the HoÑble Richard Benyon Esqr.
President & Governour of Fort St. George.

HoÑble Sir,

The Chief & Council of Pulliacat have acquainted me that six English Deserters arrived there in a Boat, upon which I order'd them to be deliver'd to your Honour's people, when you should require to have them set up to you, according to the custom on this Coast between the English and Dutch in former times, but as there is no written contract between the two Nations for so doing it will be proper to have one made, that there may be a friendly understanding between us, therefore I shall be glad to know if your Honour is willing to make an agreement in behalf of the two Nations for delivering up to each other their respective Deserters (Excepting the Natives) to wit, the Subjects of his Majesty of Great Britain & those of the High & Mighty States of the United Provinces of Holland, upon condition that the respective Nations may do with their Deserters as they shall think meet conformable to the Contracts in former times, which being done, Orders are to be given to the Chiefs &ct. of the several Settlements belonging to both parties to deliver up to each other their Deserters without waiting for further Orders from the Precedencies, also to let one another know the Desertions of their People, that by this means we may avoid the great inconveniencies to the Shipping; If your Honour is satisfyed with this method I expect your answer, that I may consult thereupon with the Council here & have the agreement confirmed by the Governour & Council of both places. I wish your Honour the Blessing of God & am

HoÑble Sir

Your Honour's Most Humble Servant

Jacob Mossel.

Negapatam
8th. Septr. 1741 N.S.

TRANSLATE.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esq^r^.
President & Governour of Fort S^t^. George.

Hoñble Sir

As by sundry Letters there is an establish'd Agreement between us for delivering up Deserters on either side & has been put in practice, only your Honour has now & then desired that ours might not be put to death, which has been readily granted. It seems somewhat strange that you should now write me concerning a full pardon, 'tis true your Honour demanded the last Deserters with a promise of pardon, altho' (according to the promise of former times) we have never made any Scruple of delivering them up without any previous condition; I beg the favour of you to explain yourself farther on this Subject, for I cannot conceive any reason why it should not be the same as in Europe, nor what honour there can be to screen a Villain from Punishment & thereby open a Door for further Desertions I am always

Hoñble Sir

Negapatam
9^th^. Novem^r^. 1741 N. S.

Your most Obedient Servant
Jacob Mossel.

No. 67.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^t^. Council at Fort S^t^. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Duplicate of our last Address under the 24^th^. of April, We now forward by the return of the Pattamar who brought us on the 31^st^. Ultimo your Honour's &c^t^. Letter dated the 6^th^. advising us of the Arrival of our Hoñble Masters Ship Tygris, for which & the other Advices you were pleased to communicate, We beg leave to return you our most humble thanks as we likewise do for the trouble you gave yourself in forwarding the private Letters for this place, which was duely received, as was the Packet directed to the Chief.

Ship Poulteney sail'd hence for your Presidency on the 4^th^. Ultimo, as did on the 7^th^. the Phazze Salam, by which latter our Supperiours at Bombay advised us that the Porto Bello safely arrived with them on the 24^th^. April & having since received no other advices we have nothing further to add here, but to subscribe ourselves with great respect

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Tellicherry
7^th^. June 1742.

Your most Obed^t^. Humble Servants
William Wake &c^t^.

No. 68.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^t^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

This serves only to acquaint your Hon^r^. &c^t^. that we recd. a Letter from M^r^. Secretary Savage dated the 21^st^. Ins^t^. advis^g^. us that twenty thousand 20000

Pagodas would be sent us overland the next day, which we on the 26th. together with your Honr's. &ct. favour on that subject of the 22d. & the money turns out right; We are with great respect

HoÑble Sir & Sirs

Your Obedient Servants
Augustus Burton, &cr.

Fort St. David
28th. June 1742.

No. 69.

To the HoÑble Richard Benyon Esqr.
President & Governour &cr. Council of Fort St. George.

HoÑble Sir & Sirs

We hereby send inclosed to your Honour &ct. an Account of Expences for the month of May, Consultations & Cash Account for last month, Ballance whereof is Star Pagodas Fanams & Cash, twenty three thousand seven hundred & seventeen Pagodas one Fanam & thirty Cash 23717. 1. 30.

The Mud Point at the North West end of Tevenapatam having been found to be of great service in preventing the Morattas on their return from the Northward from plundering that Town & as it flanks the New Bastion at Tevenapatam Gate one [*sic*] the one side & Patcherie Point on the other, it's thought necessary to have at [*sic*] faced with Brick & a good foundation made to prevent the Injuries it may receive from the Rain in the Monsoon & the Inundation of the River at that Season; We therefore order'd Mr. Floyer & Mr. Holt to survey the same & to make an Estimate of the Charge of performing this Work as well as a proper Guard-room to be adjoyn'd to it & their Report is enter'd after Consultation of the 30th. of last month, & is humbly recommended to your Honour &ct. for your approbation & leave to set about it as soon as possible before the Monsoon comes on, which otherwise will in all probability entirely demolish it. We are

Your Obedient Servants
Augustus Burton.
Edward Croke.
John Graham.
Robert Allen.
Charles Floyer.
William Holt.

Fort St. David
3d. July 1742.

List of Cloth

At the Beaters	...	...	137
At the Dyers	...	...	9
At the Washers	...	...	106
Bales	...		252

No. 70.

To the HoÑble Richard Benyon Esqr.
President & Governour &cr. Council of Fort St. George.

HoÑble Sir & Sirs

The 5th. Instant we rec'd your Honour's &ct. Favour of the 6th. past with the Accompanying Packet from our HoÑble Masters & now by the return of these Patamars forward our Packet to the President & Council of Bombay which we request your Honour &ct. will please to forward there as soon as possible in hopes of it's reaching before the early Ships may be a coming down the Coast; We are with due respect

HoÑble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient HuÑ Servts
Charles Whitehill.
Thomas Pattle.
May Sclater.

Anjengo
10th. June 1742.

No. 71.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^r^. Council of Fort S^t^. G.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Our hope was nor could we have imagined otherwise than that your Honour &c^t^. would have deliver'd up Frederick Bauke the Deserter from our Garrison at Pulliacat as requested in our Letter of the 24^th^. June & that you would have come into the Agreement we then proposed, but we are sorry to find by Your Honour &c^r's^. Letter of the 28 . June O.S. that you were unwilling to agree to any thing of that kind without our promising a full pardon, wherefore we are obliged to declare that we cannot do it, but should be always ready to consent to the Agreement we had the Honour to propose to you.

We are

Negapatam Castle
3^d^. August 1742 N.S.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs
Your most Faithfull
Friends & Obedient Servants
Jacob Mossel &c^r^.

No. 72.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^r^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Enclosed we send Duplicate of our advices to your Honour &c^t^. under date the 8^th^. and 16^th^. March & 12^th^. April, since which your Favours of the 14^th^. April ℔ Porto Bello, of the 11^th^. Ultimo ℔ Neptune Brigantine & the 14^th^. D^o^. by the New Sloop from Bombay are come to hand.

The Supply of Rupees ℔ Porto Bello Sloop came out right according to Invoice as did the Velvets & Allepines mention'd therein & we shall make the Master of her account with us for the Bag of Salt-petre short deliver'd at your Presidency.

We are obliged to your Honour &c^t^. for the several Paragraphs of News imparted to us, Our President hath received the Packet directed to him & our Honble Masters Packet for this Presidency sent ℔ Neptune has also been deliver'd to us by Captain Clarke.

We shall receive into our Treasury the Silver consign'd to the Danish Missionaries at Tranquebar and Madrass, but cannot dispose of the same untill the Country is settled, when we have sold it we shall duely advise your Hon^r^. &c^t^. thereof that the produce may be paid to those Gentlemen out of your Cash & shall take care to particularize in the Account of Sales the produce of the several Parcells, as desired, & by the Sumatra will send up consigned to you what other things came out in the Kent for them & were received one [*sic*] shore here.

We have directed the 500 Bags of Patcherree Rice to be provided, with the twenty Leagers of Arrack for the West Coast, the first we shall send on the Sumatra to your place, & the Arrack on whatever Ship the Hoñble Company may order to Bencoolen from hence, but in case we have no advice of such Ship before the Sumatra is ready to leave us, we shall send that also on her.

We are now giving the Sumatra such Repairs as on a survey were thought necessary to be done & shall dispatch her to your Honour &c^t^. in due time with a Loading of Salt-petre conformable to your request.

We shall give your Presidency due Credit for the amount of the Stores &c^t^. supplied the Grab & Sloop with, agreable to your Advices.

On surveying the Woolen Goods rec'd ℔ Ship Sumatra we find seventy three pieces of the Perpetuanoes damaged, Particulars of which is in the Account inclosed.

We have sold the Ship George at Publick Outcry for Current Rupees three thousand five hundred fifty five, 3555, & shall bring the amount to the Credit of your Presidency the Kentlage that was aboard of her we have served for the use of the Sumatra.

In our last we advised your Honr. &ct. that an Army of Morattas had enter'd this Country & that our Nabob was return'd from Cuttack with a considerable Force to stop their progress & having advanced as far as Budwan he there formed a Camp & strongly entrench'd himself, this Camp the Morattas surrounded & cut of all supplies of Provisions or Recruits getting to him, demanding a fourth part of the Revenues of these Provinces for several years past which the Nabob refused to comply with &, after several Skirmishes, was determined to force a passage thro' them, on which ensued a Battle wherein great Numbers were kill'd on both sides, tho' the Nabob made good a Retreat to a place call'd Ballkissen Serai, but with no more than 3500 Horse or thereabouts, the rest of his Army being either kill'd in the Action or having deserted him ; With this party he was again surrounded & in another engagement broke thro' the Morattas & got to Cutwa & so to Lollbag near the City of Muxadavad, where he again encamp'd & fortified himself ; The Morattas still follow'd him, which put the City into such a Consternation that many of the Principal Inhabitants fled & among the rest Futtichund ; By a Letter from our Gentlemen at Cossimbuzar dated 25th. Inst. we are further inform'd that the Morattas having plunder'd Futtichund's & some other particular Houses & burnt Hadjee Hamet's (our Nabob's Broker) Camp at Amanee Buzare, the [*sic*] left the City & were gone either to Beerbohun or Paunchat with a resolution to pass the Rains there & then (as they have sent the Nabob word) to return ; On the Morattas retreat from Muxadavad the Nabob return'd to his Palace there & hath sent in search of Futtichund & others who fled on the Morattas approach.

These Commotions in the Country hath put an entire stop to Business in most parts, particularly in Budwan & the Country about Beerbohun & Cutwa, at which last Aurung much the greatest part of our Gurrahs are made, & that is one of our Material of our Investment ; A very considerable part of the rest of the Calcutta Goods are made in the Budwan Country & our Merchants have withdrawn themselves from Cossimbuzar for some time with their Families & Effects so that no Business has been done there.

From what has already happen'd (which of Course occasion'd much loss of time) we may reasonably fear that we shall not be able to get the quantity of Goods we expected at this Settlement or at least very late in the year, altho' our Contracts were finish'd before these troubles began, & we are very apprehensive the Gentlemen at Cossimbuzar will likewise be greatly deficient as they have still a large part of their Investment to contract for.

We observe the reason your Honr. &ct. give for detaining the Men return'd to us from Bombay on the New Sloop & that you design to send them on the Tygris or some other Conveyance ; As we are in great necessity for want of a proper Number of Men, we could also wish that it suited your conveniency to send us those consign'd to this place last year, which men your Honour &ct. then thought proper to keep with you, at least we must request that such Soldiers as our Hoñible Masters are pleased to send out to us this Season may not be detain'd.

We are

Fort William
13th. May 1742.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs
Your most Humble Servants
Thomas Braddyll.
John Forster.
William Barwell.
John Halsey.
William Broke [*sic*].

P.S. We request your Honour &ct. will please to send us by the first Conveyance 20 Guns six Pounders & Do. four Pounders with 1000 Shot for each, allso all the small Arms you can possibly spare from your own Occasions.

Fort William 10th. May 1742.

In Pursuance of an Order of Consultation the 12th. Ultimo we have surveyed all the Bales of Perpetuanoes received from Madrass on Ship Sumatra that had any appearance of damage & find the damage as follows.

Perpetuanoes Fine Scarlet					
R.W.	N°. 27				5 Pieces.
Perpetuanoes Ordinary					
A.V.	N°. 701	Red	14		
D°.	985	D°.	5		
			—	19	
C.E.	121	Emerald	10		
A.V.	852	D°.	5		
D°.	854	D°.	20		
D°.	856	D°.	5		
			—	40	
D°.	777	Yellow		5	
				—	64 Pieces.
Perpetuanoes Broad Ordy.					
	N°. 19	Purple			4 Pieces.

The Damage is occasion'd by Worms & does not appear to be Ship damage.

Several Bales of the Ordinary Perpetuanoes appear to be Old Goods the Colours being faded.

Wm. Davis *E.W.H. Keepr.*
Wm. Barwell *I.W.H. Kr.*

No. 73.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esqr.
President & Governour &cr. Council of Fort Sr. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

By the Ship Tygris who imported here the 15th. Ultimo We receiv'd the favour of your Honour &ct. of the 7th. of the same month, inclosing Invoice & Bill of Lading for two Boxes of Madrass Pagodas containing twenty one thousand three hundred & ten, 21310, Madrass Pagodas laden on board that ship for the use of this Settlement, which came out right according to Invoice; She sail'd hence to Bengall the 19th. We are to inform your Honr. &ct. that upon the receipt of the above Remittance we sent thereout to Mr. Halliburton eight thousd. 8000, Pagodas & Mr. Prince four thousand, 4000, Pagodas and the Remainder we have kept for the Investment at this place, we shall be obliged to your Honour &ct. for the Rupees wrote for in our Letter of the 11th. of May & for a further Supply of thirty thousand 30000, Madrass Pagodas by any Conveyance you shall think the most secure.

We are also to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 15th. Ultimo inclosing Duplicate of a Letter wrote us the 19th. January by your Secretary Mr. Savage together with the Duplicate Invoice of Wares & Stores then laden by your Honour &ct. on the Ship Vizagapatam for the use of this Settlement, which we rec'd in good order, but are to remark that the Original Letter never came to our hands & notwithstanding we have made the strictest enquiry by examining the Syrang & others of the said Ship concerning the same, yet we cannot learn that it was deliver'd to his Care, or if it was, by what means it came to miscarry.

Mufas Cawn having made up the Accounts of this Province in a very amicable manner with the present Nabob Jaffer Alley Cawn & with whom he also parted in good friendship, passed this place the 11th. Ultimo for Golconda, so that the Account related to us by the Son in Law of the present Nabob as he pass'd this place concerning his being sent to seize on the person of Mufas Cawn was spurious & without any foundation.

Notwithstanding the Affairs of this Country is not yet settled between the Nabob & the Sultan Rajah Vizimramrauze, we make no doubt but we shall be able to comply with our promise in furnishing you with five hundred 500 Bales of Cloth by the last of January.

Enclosed comes our Cash & Paymaster's Acco^{ts}. for the month's of April, May & June together with a List of Cloth in our Godowns & at the Washers at this present time of writing, we should have sent the same in due time, had it not been for M^{r}. Stratton's indisposition, which for some time past render'd him incapable of sorting.

Yesterday in the evening arrived 2 Sets of Peons from Bengall with Letters for your place & a Packet for your Honour &c^{t}. from the Hoñble the President & Council of Calcutta which comes herewith. We are

VIZAGAPATAM
8TH. JULY 1742.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^{t}. Huñ Servants
JOHN STRATTON.
THOMAS SAUNDERS.

A LIST OF CLOTH REMAINING IN THE GODOWNS & AT THE WASHERS VIZ^{R}.

				Cot.	P^{s}.
CALLICOES remaining in the Godowns					
Long Cloth Ordinary	..	White	5	12	
D^{o}.	..	Brown	15	7	
Long Cloth Fine	..	White	2	—	
D^{o}.	..	Brown	8	16	
Salampores Ordinary	..	White	2	—	
D^{o}.	..	Brown	69	4	
				102	19
, at the Washers					
Long Cloth Ordinary	..	..	53	8	
D^{o}. Fine	..	..	11	16	
Salampores Ordinary	..	..	136	8	
D^{o}. Fine	..	..	—	14	
				203	6 [*sic*]
		Corge		306	5 [*sic*]

N^{o}. 74.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{R}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

A few days past I was favour'd with your Letter of the 7th. June, Duplicate of which was brought me yesterday.

Our Nabob's Uncle Hussain Kouli Cawn coming lately at Datcheram (which is but a few hours Journey from this place) I thought I could not have a better opportunity to complain of the ill usage I had rec'd, I therefore waited on him & acquainted him every thing that had passed between the Merchants & our Tonnedar, whose behaviour he pretended to be much displeas'd with & assured me for the future he would take effectual care that no body should molest us; At the same time I received from him the Nabob's Cowl not only for a piece of Ground, but also for a small Village adjoyning thereto exceedingly commodious for the Merch^{ts}. to dwell in, who all intend to repair thither as soon as I set about the House which your Honour &c^{t}. has been pleased to permit me to build.

At the foot hereof is an Account specifying the quantity of Cloth now lying in Nellipelly Godown.

I am with great respect

INGERAM
23ᴰ. JUNE 1742.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient and most Humble Servant
RICHᴰ. PRINCE.

ACCOUNT OF CLOTH AT NELLEPILLY

Long Cloth Ordinary	Embaled	20		
	at the washers ..	47		
		—	67	
Salampores Ordinary	at the washers ..		4	
Long Cloth Fine 23 Punjums	Brown		30	
Salampores Fine Brown..			1	
		Bales	102	

Nº. 75.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQᴿ.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &Cᵗ. COUNCIL OF FORT Sᵀ. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

This serves only to inclose the Accounts of this place for the month of June.

I am with the utmost respect

MADDAPOLLAM
19ᵀᴴ. JUNE 1742.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient & most Humble Servant
JOHN HALLYBURTON.

Nº. 76.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQᴿ.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &Cᵀ. COUNCIL OF FORT Sᵀ. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Favour of the 10ᵗʰ. Ultimo with the Packet from our Hoñble Masters by their Ship Tygris we received the 23ᵈ. Instant & are obliged to Your Honour &cᵗ. for the advices you have been pleased to give of the arrival & departure of our Employers Ships at the several Places.

The Abstract of Tygris's Invoice we have perused & maturely consider'd on the means of transport for the several Articles, which we find absolutely not in our power to provide for by any Vessels directly from hence, but here we must remark to your Honour &cᵗ. that we apprehend great part of the Consignment of Woolen Goods to be intended for the Persia Market, at least we are satisfyed the Long Ells must by the Package, each Bale containing ten Pieces, which is a peculiar Method observed only in those of Persia, tho' we cannot be so certain with regard to the Cloth, yet we are in some measure led to think so by the price, but possibly your Honour &cᵗ. whom we presume have the General Invoice (what we received from the Company being only an abstract) may be particularly apprised of of this, as the whole of what is design'd for Persia is always contain'd within a Circumspection & distinguish'd in words to be so intended, in this case it occurs to us that should any Ship offer for Persia it might be preferable to send the same thither directly, provided the Terms of Freight are any thing reasonable, as they will undoubtedly turn or [*sic*] better

Account there than any where else & indeed it will ease us of the trouble of providing a Conveyance should they be brought hither & which we should find we believe extreamly difficult as we have an other parcel lying here from the Porto Bello besides what may be expected by the Ships of the ensuing Season.

Should the above Proposition meet with a favourable Issue there will then remain the Iron & allotment of Cloth for this place, with regard to the former for your Honour &c^{t}. information we shall observe to you the price of that Article is from eighty to ninety Rupees the Candy Surat, nor is it likely to rise, especially should there be an early import of any Quantity; The Cloth we cannot so well judge of, as we are unacquainted with the Price or Colours & therefore now enclosing Account specifying what each Sort yielded at our last Sale, compared with the price invoiced from England, from whence your Honour &c^{t}. will be competent Judges whether it may be most for our Honble Employers Interest to send the same hither or to the Bay, allowing for the difference of Freight & Charges between that place & this; On the whole we must entirely leave to your Honour &c^{t}. to consider whether the above methods may be most advantageous or in case of a disappointment of a Conveyance to Persia that the whole be sent hither & should you think it most eligible to pursue this last we entirely agree with you the Freight will be render'd less from your place than what it otherwise must be from Bengall, & we have only to add that provided your Honour &c^{t}. are under a necessity of freighting them that you will please to give us the earliest intelligence & in case of War between our Nation & France, whether the Vessel so employed will proceed to this Port thro' the Ten Degree Channel, or according to the Common method come along the Coast, that we may in either case take the proper precautions as far as we can for securing her Import.

We could wish one of our Honble Masters Ships may be order'd by them hither from Bengall as you will then be furnish'd with a good opportunity & put an end to all doubts, should the methods we have intimated prove unsuccessfull.

The Chest of small Arms mention'd in the Abstract of the Tygris's Invoice we must particularly request your Honour &c^{t}. care of, & that they be sent hither, being design'd by our Honble Masters for a Present to the late Moratta General Chimnajee, nor may the prove unsuccessfull to some of those now in Power.

In our Packet sent by the Boats built for the Service of your Presidency we transmitted your Honour &c^{t}. certain Species of Silver which we requested might be essayed in your Mint & that you would acquaint us what they really would yeild us in Rupees computed upon one hundred, 100, Ounces Weight of each [*The latter part of Letter No.* 76 *and the whole of Letter No.* 77 *are missing*].

[*The earlier part of Letter No.* 78 *is missing*] departure of the January Ships; to which they replied that the difficulties beformention'd would doubtless hinder them from furnishing such a Quantity as they could wish & did intend, but as they did the last year exceed the Number of Bales they promised, so they would use their best endeavours to do the same this Season.

But that the unsettledness of Affairs in the Country & it's being yet doubtless what further means the French will make use of & what greater prices they will offer to inveigle their Weavers, they can't pretend to give a Calculation that can be entirely depended on, however they will consider among themselves & bring the best answer they can to this Question against the next Consultation.

Whereupon they were order'd to withdraw & as they had more to alledge upon the Subject of the Investment to attend on Saturday.

At which time they humbly desired what they had declared at the last Consultation might be sent up to the Honble President & Council for their consideration, & beg'd leave to add they had some time complain'd to the Deputy Governour that it was impossible for them to go on with the Investment at the prices they were allowed to give, because the large Contracts of the French (an Account of which, according to the best information they can get, they desired might be enter'd in

Consultation) have made the Weavers raise their prices, as expected great demands both from them & us, & that the French have actually offer'd 47 for the Warriapollam Cloth, whereas we give from 42½ to 43½, and for the truth of these Assertions they desire the Deputy Governour & Council to make the best enquiry, & that they thought it their Duty to lay these things before the Board before they pretend to give a Calculation of what Cloth they can bring in; Our [*sic*] otherwise they should deceive their Employers, as it is impossible to go with the Investment unless they are permitted to encrease the price, they likewise begg'd leave to observe as a Proof of their Sincerity & Honesty, that they did not offer to raise the Salem Cloth as they might do, if they had any ill designs; But as they have long dealt with Nanjam Chitty who monopolises the greatest part of the Salem Cloth, he has promised to let them have all that comes into his hands, as he is convinced by experience of their fair & punctual dealing with him, And that he has lately wrote them word, the French have sent up thither twelve thousand 12000 Pagodas for their Investment, but he has refused to furnish them, so that they will be able to get but a very small Quantity there & that in single Pieces as they can pick among the Weavers.

As Andiapah had brought in but very little Cloth & that not answerable to his former, he was asked the reason, to which replied it was impossible for him to procure it at the Honble Company's price for the reasons mention'd by the other Merchants & that the French had actually offer'd his Weavers 47 for the Cloth which he was permitted to give no more than 43½, & 67 for the fine of 12 Cauls for which he was order'd to give no more than 62½ & 63½; But if he is permitted to give the same price they offer, he will answer for it, the Cloth shall be agreeable to the price in Goodness & besides shall prevent the French from getting any Quantity, & tho' it is true the French have as yet got very little, yet their Merchants are very busy & will infallibly get the Cloth out of his hands, if not timely prevented.

To all which they were answer'd as in the former Consultation & it was particularly observed & repeated to them, that the badness of the Markets at home & the likelihood of their continuing so would not permit the Honble Company at this time to give large prices for their Cloth, because it would rather be their Interest to lye by.

As your Honour &c^{t}. was desirous of an Answer as soon as possible what quantity of Cloth could be procured before the departure of the January Ships, we pressed them to relsolve [*sic*] us To which they answer'd, That upon the supposition of encreasing the prices they could promise to get 6 or 700 Bales more than what is already procured & that their Employers may depend upon their utmost diligence & integrity in the Investment & they humbly hope their former Actions will give some weight to their present demands, which they would not make if they could possibly avoid it, as it is no advantage to them to raise the prices of the Honble Company's Cloth.

We have thus laid before your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. this whole Affair & if any is omitted in this Letter we beg leave to refer you to the Consultations on this Subject & must leave it to your better judgement & consideration, only observing to the best of our Knowledge & upon all the enquiries we can make, We do believe their Allegations to be true & that if the prices are not rais'd we have great reason to fear both the Worriapollam & Chemanaickpollam Cloth will fall into the hands of the French.

We are likewise to acquaint your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. that the Merchants as they brought in last year above 1200 Bales which was considerably more than they promised, & as they have already procured between 6 or 700 Bales for this year's Investment they humbly hope to be allowed the usual Present for this & last year as they had it for the two foregoing Years for their Encouragement & Reputation.

We have enter'd the 35th. 36 & 41st. Paragraphs of our Honble Masters Letter of the 20th. January last & the 4th. & 6th. Paragraphs of their Letter of the 27th. of the same month, & are much concern'd to hear of the Badness of their Sales occasion'd by the War in Germany, but we are in some hopes the latest news we received from

Europe of the Success of the Queen of Hungary's Arms & the likelihood of a formadable [*sic*] Alliance being enter'd into in her favour will produce a lasting peace & thereby make Trade flourish once more.

We have deliver'd Copies of the Hoñble Company's Orders in relation to the Medicines to our Surgeons for his Observation & shall see, according to your Honour &c$^{t's}$. order, that he complies with them; Our Surgeon is under great difficulties for want of a Mate, having a great many Patients in the Hospital, which together with the Company's Servants & others who live at a great distance, he desires us to represent it earnestly to your Honour &c^{t}. & to beg you to do your endeavours to procure him one out of the Ships now at your Port or coming thither. We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
2^{D}. AUGUST 1742.

Your Obedient Servants

AUGUSTUS BURTON &c^{T}.

LIST OF BALES

Embaled	...	121
At the Beaters	...	113½
At the Dyers	...	33½
At the Washers	...	158½
	Bales	426½

No. 79.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{T}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

We received your Favour yesterday evening of the 31st. of last month accompanying twenty thousand 20000 Pagodas which turn'd out right; We have already acquainted your Honour &c^{t}. in our Letter of the 2^{d}. Instant the receipt of M^{r}. Secretary Savage's Letter of the 30th. July, advising us the setting out of this Money overland the next day with the usual Number of Peons.

We are with much respect

FORT S^{T}. DAVID

5TH. AUGST. 1742.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Obedient Servants
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
EDWARD CROKE.
JOHN GRAHAM.
ROBERT ALLEN.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT.

LIST OF BALES.

Embaled	...	174
At the Beaters	...	85
At the Washers	...	139
At the Dyers	...	36
	Bales	434

No. 80.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^r^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

The 13^th^. Ultimo Tarwarree deliver'd us a Packet from your Honour &c^t^. & for the President & Council at Bombay, which was duely forwarded & this morning we received their Answer thereto, which we now transmit your Honour &c^t^. agreeable to their directions & are with great respect.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed^t^. & most Huñ Servants

Surat
6^th^. July 1742.

James Hope.
William Lowther.
William Johnson.
James H. Lambe.
John Burchall.
Edward Hope.

No. 81.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^r^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

We should have answer'd your Honour's &c^t^. Favour of the 6^th^. Instant sooner had we not been prevented by a dispute with the Merchants in settling the prices of their Cloth, concerning the Discount on the Allumparra Pagodas, an Account of which we shall lay before you in this Letter.

We have attentively consider'd your Hon^r^. &c^r's^. Letter & to comply with the Orders therein contain'd, the Merch^ts^. were yesterday call'd into Consultation & told, That an answer was received to the General Letter concerning their demands of raising the price of Cloth, but the Hoñble Governour & Council were very averse to it for many reasons, particularly the Badness of the Sales in Europe, insomuch that if we were to give 47 for the Warriapollam Cloth & in the proportion for the Chemanaikpollam Cloth & others, the Company would with all the Charges be actually Losers by it & therefore it is better to sit still & not buy any; And besides it was very well known the French are in very great want of money, which distress we ought to take the best advantage of we could & therefore by not raising the prices the Merchants might bring the Weavers to their own terms when they found the French had not money to purchase.

To which the [*sic*] answer'd that they could not pretend to be Judges of the sales in England, nor whether the Cloth would turn out there to the Company's Advantage, that as to the French not having money, they can only say that a large Quantity came out in their two ships, but what part of was kept here for the Investment they don't know; However it is certain their Merchants do offer at present ready money for Cloth to our Weavers & press them to take it, and that they should not propose to raise the prices if they did not find they could get Cloth fit for the Company's use at the former rates.

They were then told that in their former answer on this Subject they had not directly declare [*sic*] at what prices they coud get it, & therefore it was necessary they should now let us know the several prices for which they had reason to believe they could procure it, but if they were in proportion to that of forty seven for the Worriapollam Cloth We were possitively order'd not to comply with it.

To this they replied they would consider among themselves & bring in a List of the several Sorts of Cloth with the Prices annexed & those the lowest they could propose, with any probability of serving the Company in the Investment, & if it proved true the French were in distress for money, it would be soon seen by their not advancing money to their Weavers, in which case they would take care to beat down the prices & did not question but they should get it considerably cheaper that [*sic*] at present.

The Merchants then declared that their last report concerning Nanjang Chitty, they had received Letters from him, in which he tells them He will stand to his word of letting them have all the Salem Cloth that comes into his hands, but they can't expect he can get it from the Weavers cheaper than what the French offer, therefore they must advance the price at present from forty seven to forty nine Fanams a piece, which is near two Pagodas a Corge more than the last; He likewise offers to enter into Contract with our Merchants to deliver them all the Salem Cloth he can procure between this & the first of March next, with this Proviso, That the Deputy Governour shall write to him that the prices shall be raised or fallen according to the Market & that the Merchants shall abide by the Contract.

After which they were order'd to withdraw & Andiapa was call'd by himself, as he acts seperately & is not concern'd with the other Merchants, & the same reasons given to him for not raising the prices.

To which he answer'd to the same effect as the other Merchants & being order'd to deliver in a List of those Sorts of Cloth he usually procured for the Company, together with the lowest prices, he promised to comply with it, to which he added that the Tranquebar Agents were endeavouring to provide a good Quantity of Cloth at Warriapollam, whith [*sic*] with other impediments would necessarily raise the prices, but that he would deliver in his List as low as possible.

Thus we have laid before your Honour &c^{t}. all we can do in this affair & must confess as you observe in your Letter forty three Pagodas & a half ℔ Corge is an advance upon the last year's prices, but so small that we thought the dearness & scarcity of Cotton joyn'd with the Competion [*sic*] & offers of the French might very well excuse us in making that advance; But when the Merch^{ts}. talk'd of the French offering forty seven 47 & that they must advance in proportion with them, we always declared it would be better for the Company to desist, than give more than, with Freight & other Charges, the Cloth would produce at home, however the Merchants insisting on being heard in Consultation & their reasons sent up to the Hoñble Governour & Council we could not refuse it, but as they are now something more moderate in their Offers & as we have reason from all enquiries we can make to believe, they cannot get the several Sorts cheaper than what they are now set down, We venture to recommend their Proposals to your Honour &c^{t}. so far & no further, not presuming to judge ourselves whether they are proper to be complied with, or will be for the Hoñble Company's Advantage.

We have hereunto annex'd the List of the several sorts of Cloth as they were deliver'd to us by the Merch^{ts}. & Andeapah.

We are further to acquaint your Honour &c^{t}. that the Stating the Accounts with the Merchants met with some difficulty in relation to the Discompt to be allowed in the Allumparra Pagodas, concerning which the Merchants desired to be heard by the Board; Upon their being call'd in the Books were look'd into, where it appear'd that they had in their hands thirteen thousand three hundred & seven, 13307, Allumparra Pagodas on the first of January last, three thousand three hundred & seven, 3307, of which they return'd to lessen their Ballance, to be deliver'd as they wanted it on the same terms as the other, which they themselves confess; This money was return'd them, one thousand 1000 on the 20th. February & two thousand three

hundred & seven 2307 on the 31st. of March, they likewise granted they had agreed at that time to account for the whole Sum of thirteen thousd. three hundred & seven Allumparra Pagodas at 20, or if they still fell, at 25 ℔ cent Discount, beyond which they were not to be allowed.

But they now complain that they shall lose near ten ℔ Cent on the whole Sum, occasion'd by the great fall of those Pagodas in so short a time & what they less expected, their being entirely cried down in the month of March, insomuch that they were then obliged to pay their Agents & Weavers Star Pagodas only & account with the Company at twenty five 25 ℔ Cent Discount, thô they were at thirty five.

To which they were answer'd that the thirteen thousand three hundred & seven, 13307, Allumparra Pagodas were paid to them before January at several times & at times when that Discount was not so great, & that it was thought from 20 to 25 ℔ Cent was a reasonable Allowance which they confessed themselves by agreeing to it; It was likewise observed to them, that the Loss or Profit upon the Allowed Discount depended upon the times when they advanced their Weavers or Agents money, which it was impossible for us to know so certainly as to make any judgement upon it, but that we had reason to believe they had taken care, as it was such dangerous Coin, to get rid of it as soon as possible, and therefore we might reasonably presume their Loss was not so great as they pretended & for ought [*sic*] we knew they might really gain upon them, However they must stand to their Bargain for We could neither allow them any thing, nor recommend it to our Superiours for the reasons above-mentioned.

They then desired, as they were really great Losers by it, we would lay their Case before your Honour &ct. if not to have a remedy, at least to show how much they served their Employers even to their own Loss, & that they had brought it before the Board with that intent.

We have herewith inclosed the Copies of the several Accounts according to your Honour &cvs. Order, but upon telling the Merchants it was expected they should settle their Accounts of Cloth with the prices monthly & sign to them, they declared it was sometimes impracticable, for they advanced money to their Weaver continually in small Sums but did not settle with them nor could not every month & besides they were often obliged to beat down their prices, whereas if they knew the Merchants were obliged to settle with them every month they would hold up their resolution to that time, which would be losing an advantage they have over them; However they will do it as often as they possibly can, to which they shall be press'd by us & we will send them immediately to your Honour &ct.

The Sloop Mary is not yet arrived, as soon as she does we shall dispach her immediately With as many Bales as she can carry

We are sorry to hear the Wrappers in 1741 proved so bad & believe it was occasion'd by that Cloth being cured in the time of the great Rains, when it was often wetted & a long time in drying. We are

Fort St. David

14th. August 1742.

List of Bales.

Embaled	225
At the Beaters	64½
„ Washers	108½
„ Dyers	44
Bales	442

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Your Obedient Servants

Augustus Burton.
Edward Croke.
John Graham.
Robert Allen.
Charles Floyer.
William Holt.

List of the Prices of Sundry Sorts of Callicoes at [*sic*] deliver'd in by the Merchants Viz^{t}.

	Caul	Pag^{s}:	
Long Cloth	12 at	67½	℔ Corge
Salampores	9 ..	22⅜	
Long Cloth Midling ½ Pieces	..	22⅜	
Long Cloth Chemanaikpollam	..	45	
Long Cloth Salem	..	44½	
Soot Romalls Blue	..	12¼	
D^{o}. D^{o}. Red	..	14¼	
Salampores	12 ..	29	

By Andiapah.

	Caul	Pag^{s}:	
Long Cloth Worriapollam	8 at	45½	℔ Corge
Salampores D^{o}.	9 ..	22	27
Long Cloth Midling ½ Pieces	9 ..	22	27
Long Cloth Fine	12 ..	67	18
Long Cloth Chemanaikpollam	9 ..	45	——
Soot Romalls Blue	— ..	12	9
D^{o}. D^{o}. Red	— ..	14	9

No. 82.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esq^{r}.
President & Governour &c^{t}. Council of Fort S^{t}. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Our last Address to your Honour &c^{t}. was the 8th. Current enclosing Cash & Paymaster's Accounts with a List of Cloth at this place, & under the same Cover we sent a Packet that we received from the Hoñble the President & Council of Calcutta directed for you & are now to inform you that having since receiv'd another Packet from that Presidency, directed for your Honour &c^{t}. the same comes herewith. We are with respect

Vizagapatam
22^{d}. July 1742.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Huñ Serv^{ts}.
John Stratton.
Thomas Saunders.

No. 83.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esq^{r}.
President & Governour &c^{t}. Council of Fort S . George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

The Sloop Mary arrived yesterday noon & brought a Letter from M^{r}. George Pigot Sub Secretary dated the 4th. Instant, with a Bill of Lading enclosed for Medicines, Stationary Ware &c^{t}. which are safely come ashore, We have now dispatch'd her back to your Honour &c^{t}. with eighty four 84 Bales of Callicoes, which are as many as she can take in, Account & Risque of our Hoñble Masters amounting to Star Pagodas Five thousand nine hundred & seventy three 5973. —. —. as ℔ Invoice & First Bill of Lading inclosed.

Herein comes also inclosed the Invoice for one hundred Bales of Callicoes sent your Honour &c^{t}. by Ship Lancaster the 18th. of June last, amounting to Star Pagodas eight thousand five hundred & nineteen 8519 & Allumparra Pag^{s}. one thousand two hundred twenty nine, twenty seven Fanams 1229·27, which we defer'd sending till we had settled the prices of Cloth brought in by our Merchants.

We now inclose the Warehousekeeper's Indent for five Candy of Ropes, which we must beg your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. to send us as soon as possible, being in great want of it for packing the Hoñble Company's Bales.

We have sent by this Conveyance John Mackate Soldier of the first Company who have served out his Contracted time with the Hoñble Company petitions to return to England & begs leave to go up to Fort S^{t}. George for that purpose, as he will have an opportunity of taking his passage home from hence.

Just now we received a Letter from Secretary Savage dated the 18th. July by a Country Boat Chinney Mead Mercar Hussain Syring with Invoice and Bill of Lading inclosed for a small Box of Stationary Ware, which comes out right. We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
23^{D}. AUGUST 1742.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Obedient Servants
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
EDWARD CROKE.
" "
ROBERT ALLEN.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT.

LIST OF BALES.

Embaled	.. .. ..	184
Beaters	.. .. ..	84
Washers	.. .. ..	46
Dyers	.. .. ..	44
	Bales ..	358

No. 84.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{T} COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

We replied to your Honour &c$^{t's}$. Favour of the 10th. May under the 26th. of June by a double Conveyance & on the 16th. Ultimo, we were favour'd with that of the 11th. of the preceeding month.

Our Hoñble Masters Ship Benjamin Captain Benjamin Way Commander was designd by them for Mocho leaving England so late as the 22^{d}. of February was not able to obtain her passage, she left Johanna the 24th. of June & came in here the 25th. Ultimo, the Somerset & Harrington arrived directly from England two days afterwards, the Britannia was at Johanna in Company with these Ships but sail'd before them for Gombroon, whither she was order'd by our Hoñble Masters for landing a Consignment of Woolen Goods & is afterwards to proceed to this Port.

The Commands of our Hoñble Masters with regard to the Ship Benjamin, Your Honour &c^{t}. will perceive in the 3^{d}. 4th. 5th. & 6th. Paragraph of their Letter to us by that Ship, Copies of which come enclosed & as at present we have great reason to apprehend we shall be greatly strenghtend [*sic*] for Toñage & therefore in consequence of our Hoñble Masters Directions we have come [*sic*] a Resolution to send the Benjamin directly to your Port, so soon as her Europe Cargoe is landed & shall relade so many Bales of Cotton as she may be able conveniently to take in.

The premention'd Ships with some other to the Number of thirteen, all for India, belonging to our Hoñble Masters sail'd in Company, so that we presume those design'd for your Side must be long before this can reach safely arrived with your Honour &c^{t}.

The Boats built for the Service of your Presidency, we are glad to find are arrived in safety, tho' with regard to what your Honour &c^{t}. observe that they are not built according to your desire, we must remark that in your Letter of the 2^{d}. October 1741 it is not said they were to be employed in the Rivers, & we apprehended they were to be sent to & from your Port to the West Coast, in which case our Master Carpenter thought that if they were built of the Burthen specified & to draw so little Water the Breadth must be out of all proportion, nor would they be fit to encounter any weather & even the risque would be very great in trusting them round Celoan, had your Honour &c^{t}. acquainted us what they were design'd for in the manner as we now understand it, we should have conformed to the Dimensions by you laid down, however we are extreamly pleased they may notwithstanding prove serviceable & should be glad any Carpenters could be prevail'd on to proceed & reside at the West Coast for keeping them in proper repair, but that does not appear possible, as these people sedom [*sic*] care to remain long from their Families.

We observe your Honour &c$^{t's}$. answer to what we wrote you on the Subject of Lieutenant Lane's Request for pay during his stay at your Place, we shall on his application make such an Allowance as shall appear reasonable.

We return your Honour &c^{t}. thanks for your care in sending the Assay of the several Species we transmitted you, which on some occasions may be of Service here.

We acknowledge to your Honour &c^{t}. our Hoñble Masters in their Commands by the Wyndam & Lynn are pleased to say that if they are paid Customs & Duties they cannot in justice hinder persons, trading under their protection & Licence, purchasing Pepper where they can get it cheapest, except at their own Settlements; But here we must take leave to observe that Experience has shewn such a Trade is greatly to their Detriment, as it always enhances the price & the Merchants will naturally carry it where the greatest Gain arises, by this means the Countries round the Company's Settlements are drain'd of it's produce, the Quantity procurable for our Hoñble Masters is considerably lessen'd & even what is obtain'd at most extravagant Rates. We shall in our first Advices state this matter to our Hoñble Masters that they, on considering the resulting Evil, may be pleased to give their explicit directions & in the interim we must repeat our Sollicitation that your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. will as much as posssible prevent it's being prosecuted by those under your Influence as we can assure you it is what none under this Presidency are suffer'd to attempt.

M^{r}. Francis Fowke who we are told is on your Side of India, our Hoñble Masters have been pleased to entertain him as Factor on this Establishment. We are

HOÑBLE SIR AND SIRS

Your most Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW &C^{r}.

BOMBAY CASTLE
5TH. AUGUST 1742.

P.S. We enclose Your Honour &c^{t}. Copy of the Articles of our Agreement with the Morattas, in which you will observe is stipulated that the English shall not give Protection to Foreign Vessels, we must request your Honour &c^{t}. will give the necessary Orders to all your Private Shipping accordingly, as any Contravention may be very prejudicial to this place.

COPY OF SUNDRY PARAGRAPHS OF THE HOÑBLE COURT OF DIRECTORS, OF THEIR COMMANDS ON THE 15TH. JANUARY 1741 ℔ SHIP BENJAMIN.

Parã 3. Mess^{rs}. Shierman & Way are directed to purchase one thousand Bales of Coffee if procurable at sixty, & fifteen hundred Bales if to be got at fifty Spanish Dollars ℔ Beetle Fukee Bakar, & to secure all the Freight possible for your Place, which being accomplish'd, they are to give the Commander Sailing orders to make the best of his Way to Bombay & to follow your Orders for his further Proceedure

4. The Coffee is to be consign'd unto you & also the remainder of the Ship's Stock uninvested at Mocho.

5. The said Coffee must continue on board as part of her Cargo for Europe & in case you are apprehensive of being overburthen'd with Tonnage, we recommend it to you to dispatch her away with the said Coffee to Fort S^{t}. George & we shall give directions for filling her up there.

6. In case the Benjamin should lose her passage to Mocho, they are directed to proceed to your place & to deliver up the ship & Cargo consign'd to them, with all Papers in our Packet to them & the Captain is directed thereupon to obey your Orders, in which case, as also if Coffee is not procurable, you may dispatch her as above with a Loading of Cotton to Fort S^{t}. George upon our Account.

SAMUEL PRICE
Secry.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN STEPHEN LAW GOVERNOUR OF BOMBAY &C^{T}. ON THE PART OF THE HOÑBLE ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY & BAGERAW PUNDITT PRADAN OR FIRST MINISTER OF THE MOST SERENE SOU-RAJAH JULY 1739 OR 1740 GENTOO STILE.

ARTICLE 1ST.

The English shall only issue Passes to the Company's Vessels, the Merchants or Servants dependent belonging to the Island Bombay, or other places where the English have a Settlement & the English shall not interfere with the Bageraw's Fleet, nor give Convoy to Foreign Vessels, save that if two or three should accidentally fall into company with the English, in such case Bageraw's Fleet shall not molest them.

2^{D}.

The English no [*sic*] their Subjects or Dependants shall not freight or put their Effects on board any Vessels not provided with Passes from Bageraw, but if any unavoidable Necessity oblige them to the Contrary of this, in case of such Effects being seized by Bageraw's Fleet, they shall be restored to the Owners, they proving their property therein.

3^{D}.

The Englis [*sic*] will not lay any Restraint on the Inhabitants of other Countries that have taken Refuge on Bombay in the War time, let them be Cooleys, Carpenters or other Casts whatever, from returning to their Abodes with their Effects & Gallivats.

4TH.

The English will furnish two Fighting Gallivats, if required, to convey the Fishing Gallivats of Ragerow [*sic*] carrying Goods or Provisions in their passage to and from Mahim & Versovah.

5TH.

The English will grant Frée Licence for the Export of all Goods & Commodities whatever for the service of Bagarow & a Free Trade to the Merchants of his Country in all sorts they may want, as Iron, Lead, Brimstone, Saltpetre, Dammar, Tar, Sail Cloth, Coir & others, (excepting Artillery, Balls, Powder & Shells) they paying the Customary Duties, such things as have not before been used to pay Export Duty, shall continue free of any as before; In like manner Bageraw shall permit the English & their Merchants the Free Trade of his Country & Liberty of Export of Goods & Provisions paying the Customs.

6TH.

The English will preserve the Dominion of the River or Manim as it was granted them by the Portuguese; All the Merchants Vessels & Fishing Gallivats belonging to Bageraw's Government shall have Free Passage thrõ the said River & five or ten sepoys with their Arms shall be allowed to pass being aboard Merchants Vessels or any Service, or employed to bring intelligence.

7TH.

The English will not assist any of the Bajeraw's Enemies thõ in Friendship with them, with any other or more of the Sorts than what they engage to supply Bageraw's State with & Bageraw shall observe the like Agreement with the English.

8TH.

Any Person belonging to the English or Bageraw's Jurisdiction that shall go over to either Government, such Government shall oblige him to make Satisfaction to his Creditors, If a Slave, He shall be deliver'd up by Compultation [*sic*].

9TH.

Any Vessel belonging to the English or Bageraw, that shall be driven by Distress of Weather or other Accident for Shelter on the Coast of either Jurisdiction, all possible Assistance shall be given for her Refittall, but if stranded or wreckt on either Shore, half of the Cargo & Vessel shall belong to the Government & the other half to be reserved to the Owner.

10TH.

The Fleet of Bageraw shall not attempt any Vessel thõ not provided with his Pass within the Limits of the Stakes at Mahim in a Direct Line to the Mouth of the Harbour within the Distance of a Course or a Course & an half from Underee on this side.

11TH.

Bageraw's Fleet shall by no means hurt or molest the Fishing Gallivats or other Vessels belonging to the English or their Subjects in their Navigation of these Seas; In like manner Bageraw's Fishing Gallivats & other Vessels belonging to him or Subjects of his State shall not be hurt or molested by the English Fleet.

12TH.

Bageraw's Fleet shall pass & repass freely by the Bar or in the River at the Mouth of the Harbour & in case of touching at Bbay for watering they shall have Friendly Treatment; In like manner the English Fleet shall have reception & assistance in the Ports of Bageraw's Jurisdiction.

13TH.

The English will give not Let or Molestation to the Merchants Vessels laden with Goods of the Merchants under Bageraw's jurisdiction, passing to & from the River Nagotam, Penn & other Ports; But in case of any of the said Vessels importing at Bombay, landing their Effects, they shall pay the Port Duties.

14TH.

The Merchant Vessels belonging to the English & their Subjects shall have free leave to purchase in the Rivers Nagotam, Penn & other places, Provisions & all Sorts of Merchandize & export the same paying the Customs, & on the part of Bageraw there shall be no Impediment.

These fourteen Articles shall be observed without Failure.

No. 85.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esqr.

President & Governour &c. Council of Fort St. George.

Hoñble Sirs

We have not yet been honour'd with any of your Favours this year.

Our Hoñble Masters have been pleased to appoint Major Thomas Lambert Esqr. Governour of this Island, who arrived here the 22d. day of March last on board the Ship Harrington, which Ship Mr. Jenkins takes the Command of & proceeds thereupon to Bombay.

The usual List of the Arrival of the Ships at & departure from this Island is inclosed, The 21st. day of last month passed by Capt. Pelly in Company with 4 Sail of Dutch Ships, by whom we learnt that the Ships Bedford, Edgebaston, Nottingham & Ceesar were at the Cape.

On the 30th. last month arrived a Dane Ship from China named the Queen of Denmark, who left Captain Gilbert about 25 Degrees to the Westward of Java Head making the best of his way hither.

We desire you'll be pleased to send us for the use of the Island one hundred Pieces of Long Cloth Ordinary, twelve Leaguers of Batavia Arrack, thirty hundred Weight of good Sugar & the rest of the one ℔ Cent in Rice.

We wish you Health & Success & are

St. Helena
2d. April 1742.

Hoñble Sirs
Your most Obedt. Huñ Servants
Thomas Lambert.
G. G. Powel.
John Godfrey.

List of Ships Arrival & Departure to & from St. Helena A°. Dni. 1741 Vizt.

	Arrival.		Departure.
Haeslinfield ..	.. January 1st.	.. Haeslinfield ..	..
W[arwicke] ..	.. D°. 15th.	.. Warwicke ..	..
India Yatch ..	.. February 8th.	.. Princess Emilia	.. } May 11th.
Princess Emilia	.. April 9th. ..	.. Winchester ..	..
Winchester ..	.. D° 9th. ..	.. Princess of Wales	..
Princess of Wales	.. May 5th. ..	.. The Dane ..	.. D°. 12th.
Heathcote ..	.. D°. 5th. ..	.. Royal Guardian	..
A Dane ship ..	.. D°. 5th. ..	.. Heatchcote [*sic*]	..
Hardwicke ..	.. D°. 8th. ..	.. Princess Louisa	..
Royal George	.. D°. 9th. ..	.. Prince William	..
Princess Louisa	.. D°. 10th. ..	.. Hardwicke ..	.. } July 10th.
Prince William	.. D°. 12th. ..	.. Duke	..
Royal Guardian	.. D°. 17th. ..	.. Durrington ..	..
Mountague ..	.. D°. 17th. ..	.. Mountague ..	..
Duke	.. D°. 20th. ..	.. Yatch	..
Durrington ..	.. D°. 26th. ..	.. Royal George ..	.. June 5th.

His Majesty's Ships Vizt.

Colchester ..	.. August 13th.	.. Cochester [*sic*]	.. } August 27th.
Faulkland ..	.. D°. 13th.	.. Faulkland ..	..

List of Ships Arrival and Departure to and from St. Helena A.D. 1742 Vizt.

A French Ship	.. February 27th.	.. The French Ship	.. March 13th.
Harrington ..	.. March 22d.	.. The Dane Ship	.. April 6th.
A Dane Ship ..	.. D°. 30th.	.. Harrington ..	..

No. 86.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esqr.
President & Governour &ct. Council of Fort St. George

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

We just now received a Letter from Mr. Secry. Savage dated 23d. Instant, desiring us as soon as possible to send up the prices of the nineteen, 19 Bales of Callicoes sent your Honr. &ct. ℔ Ship George & the one hundred & thirty Bales ℔ Ship Lancaster, Copy of the former Invoice we now send inclosed, which we had sent your Honour &ct. the Original ℔ Ship Apollo dated April 24th. & the Duplicate of

it the next day; The other we have sent already & Sloop Mary the 23d. Instant & the Duplicate of it the same day overland, which we hope your Honour &ct. have received before now, & in obedience to your Order we now send you another Copy of it.

The ship Brilliant one of Commodor La Bourdinier's Squadron passed by our Road at Noon from Mascarine & bound to Pondicherry. We are with much respect

Fort St. David
25th. August 1742.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs
Your Obedient Servants
Augustus Burton.
Edward Croke.
John Graham.
Robert Allen.
Charles Floyer.
William Holt.

No. 87.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esqr.
President & Governour &cr. Council of Fort St. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Your commands of the 5th. October came to hands the 14th. February with the three Packets enclosed, That address'd to the Hoñble Court of Directors I forwarded express the next day under cover to his Majesty's Consul at Alleppo; The letter for Messrs. Coke Lisle Weake & Company did not go forward till the 11th. March for want of a Messenger, The packet for his Excellency Sir Everard Faukener accompany'd that to the Hoñble Court of Directors as Alleppo, since which the Consul of Alleppo has acknowledged the receipt of them but observes that had the Letter sent by the way of Grand Cairo, been order'd to be forwarded to Europe by him, it might possibly have been deliver'd in London as soon as it will now by Grand Cairo & I am afraid that your Honour &ct. will find that to be a very round-about Way of send [*sic*] Advices.

I have not further to add than that I am with the greatest respect

Hoñble Sir & Sirs
Your most most [*sic*] Obedient and most Humble Servant
Thomas Dorril.

Bussorah
5th. July 1742.

No. 88.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esqr.
President & Governour &cr. Council of Fort St. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Having received your Honour &ct's. favour of the 23d. Instant, We on Tuesday called the Merchants into Consultation & acquainted them That you had not yet come into a resolution of taking the Cloth according to the Prices they have deliver'd in, as thinking it much to dear, especially as it run in general to the two lowest Numbers, whereas it is always intended that the greatest part of it should arise to No. 1 & 2, & if Brokerage is to be paid upon it exclusive of the prices they

have set down, the Madrass Middling comes out cheaper than our Chemanaikpollam & yet sells much better in Europe; It was therefore demanded of them, whether the Brokerage was included or not & strongly insisted upon to lower their prices so that we might be enabled to take it in to the Hoñble Company's Advantage.

To which they replied that they believed the Cloth to be as good as it usually has been & is the very best they can get at present for the prices they have mention'd, & so is that which is already embaled & settled by the Sorters, according to their Judgement; That the [*sic*] never knew the Cloth to come up to N°. 1 & 2 in a very considerable Quantity much less to the greater part & therefore it cannot be expected at this time when there are so many Buyers, as the English, French & Danes, likewise the Dutch, the three last of which are not so strict as to the Goodness, nor so exact in the sorting as we are & therefore the Weavers are less carefull of the Fabrick than they would be if bad Cloth would not go off; They likewise declared that they never meant to include the Brokerage in the prices they deliver'd in, for those Prices are what the Cloth, now lying in the Hoñble Company's Godowns for our Approbation or Refusal, actually cost them, & if it would not do for our use at those Prices they are willing to take it back & return the money advanced upon it, as they dispose of it to other Customers, from whom they have reason to expect to get a better Price; They likewise at the same time offer to take again the White Cloth that has been turn'd out by the Sorters at the same price it cost the Hoñble Company. We then acquainted them, That your Honour &c^{t}. had certain information the French offered but 48 Fanams a peice for the Salem Cloth & that it was not proper to enter into such a Contract as Nanjan Chitty proposed, as it might be a means of his imposing what prices he pleased upon us & that particularly at present, his Offer, of which he intends to make a Merit or Favour, seems to be no more than that we should have the Cloth, if we would give a Fanam in a piece more than the French.

In answer to which they said they believed the information was true, That the French offer'd no more than 48 Fanams a piece, but it is well known & they have often mention'd it at other times, there is a duty of one Fanam upon every Piece for Liberty to carry it out of the Country, which they had included and always used to be so in the Price, & that was the reason they reckon'd it at 49 Fanams; That the proposal was made before the Board at the desire of Nanjan Chitty, & if any Illconvenience or Prejudice might arise from agreeing to it, they were far from desiring to have it complied with, upon which they withdrew.

And the Deputy Governour declared that when he was at Madrass, he was always of opinion the Salem Cloth was much better than the Chemanaikpollam in all Respects both as to price & Quantity & that he has had no reason since to alter his Opinion, but a great deal to confirm it, insomuch that if it was possible to encrease the Quantity at Salem so as to make up for the Deficiency of the taking none from Chemanaikpollam, he should recommend this method of acting to your Honour &c^{t}. for your approbation, & that to the best of his Remembrance this method was proposed from the Presidency some years ago & was answered to much the same purpose he now speaks.

We are very sory the Cloth comes out in the Sortments, as your Honour &c^{t}. observe, no better, & wish we could find out or any means be proposed to us how to remedy this Evil, but as we are afraid so long as there are so many Competitors, & they not so limited by their Employers (as we have reason to believe from their Actions) in the Length & Breadth as well as the goodness of the Cloth in all other Respects & and as long as Cotton continues so scarce, that the Quantity made this Season must be very small & therefore will be certainly taken of the Weavers hands by one or other, We are afraid it is impossible to be remedied, & tho we have endeavour'd all that lyes in our power to make the Merchants still lower the prices & to promise to bring in better Cloth for the future, we cannot prevail in either Particular, they assuring us these are the very lowest prices & the very best they can get for those prices, & always end with this Argument, that if it will not do for our use, they are willing to have it return'd upon their hands.

As there is some mention of it before, we ought to have acquainted your Honour &c^{t}. in the beginning of this Letter, That at a Consultation held to prevent the Cloth was ready to be brought in from falling into the Hands of the French or others, We agreed with the Merchants that they should take back whatever Cloth was not agreeable to the Prices we should be permitted to give by your Honour &c^{t}. repaying the money advanced upon it as it was deliver'd out to them, nor had we time to apply for your Hon^{r}. &c$^{t's}$. permission to act in this manner because a considerable Quantity was in danger to be lost by such a delay, & therefore we humbly hope for your excuse & approbation of this proceeding, & as the Washers are almost out of work and may probably desert to the French when out of employment, we should be obliged to your Honour &c^{t}. for your determination concerning the Merchants proposals as soon as conveniently may be, because the Merchants are unwilling the Cloth should be washed before we agree for the price, as it may be detrimental to the Sale of it elsewhere.

The Merchants have undertaken to provide the Hundred 100 Pieces of Dimitie of a Yard in Breadth & twelve Yards in Length & of as great Fineness as possible, as well as the lowest price they can, which they hope to be able to get ready against the time, & to meet with your Honour &c$^{t's}$. approbation.

We are to acquaint your Honour &c^{t}. that the Warehousekeeper being asked for the Accounts of Cloth brought in, measur'd & deliver'd to the Wash from the 1st. May 1741 to the last of July 1742, sign'd by himself & the Merchants, he deliver'd in a seperate Account sign'd only by himself & the Merchants being ask'd to sign to that Account, they refused, as they said they knew nothing of it; At the same time the Warehousekeeper delivered in the Merchants own Account, as he received it from them, which they acknowledged & have sign'd to; Both which the Warehousekeeper desired might be sent up to your Honour &c^{t}.

We beg leave for the better explanation of the Merch^{ts}. Accounts to observe, That upon examination of them with our Books we find that seventy two Corge fifteen Pieces of Long Cloth Ordinary was brought in & measured in the month of August, Eighteen Corge one Piece in October & twenty three Corge ten Pieces in December, which different Numbers make one hundred & fourteen Corge six Pieces, & is not brought to the Merchants Credit till December; Upon which the Merchants & Conicoplys were call'd in & the reason demanded why it was not brought to Acco^{t}. before; The reason of this delay they declared to be, That the Merchants at the time of it's coming in had not received the Prices from their Agents, & that the Deputy Governour then order'd them to write to their Agents to beat down the Prices as low as possible; For these Reasons this Cloth was not brought to the Merch^{ts}. Credit till the prices were known.

We likewise observe that the Salem Cloth is not brought to Account & the prices fixed immediately on it's Arrival & the time of it is being measured because the place is not at a great distance & the Merchants Gomastahs there very often do not send down the prices of the Cloth along with it, as not having fixed them at that time, & therefore it is brought to Account & the Merchants credited as soon as we have such information, an Instance of which we have now at this time, there being about seventy or eighty Corge come in some days ago & no prices along with it so that we were obliged to send away a Peon to Salem to bring them, Nor is it indeed necessary, tho̅ we always press to have them as it is in the case of the other Cloth, as we can sort it without that information, We being according to agreement to take the whole of that Cloth that is sent to us, & Servants allowed at Salem to sort it brown, because the Charge of returning what is turn'd out to such a distance would be so great that the Merchants would not undertake to procure it on those Conditions.

We have likewise sent your Honour &c^{t}. the Warehousekeeper's Account of Cloth brought in the Month of August sign'd by him & another sign'd by the Merchants, which will explain an Article in Andeapah's Account, where seven Corge two Pieces of Chemanaikpollam was measured in July & six Corge ten Pieces measured in August, & four Corge one Piece Salampores Ordinary, all which is laid

aside & his Account not credited for them, because he brought them in at the Rates in the List delivered at our Consultation of the 13th. as your Honour &c^{t}. has not yet determined upon the Prices & likewise your Honour &c^{t}. will by this Account see what Cloth we have upon hand ready to be sorted & sent to the Washers, as soon as we can have Orders concerning it.

The Surgeon's Mate arrived the 31st. & we shall observe the Order sent M^{r}. Secretary Savage's Letter of the 25th. to stop the money lent him out of his Pay.

We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
2^{D}. SEPT^{R}. 1742.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Obedient Servants
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
EDWARD CROKE.
JOHN GRAHAM.
ROBERT ALLEN.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT.

LIST OF BALES.

Embaled		238
At the Washers		13
„ Beaters		68
„ Dying		42
	Bales	361

(*Letters* 89 *&* 90 *are missing*).

No. 91.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{T}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID [*sic*].

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

We addressed your Honour &c^{t}. in Duplicates under date the 31st. May last, which went by Express Pattamars & Triplicates thereof comes inclosed.

We are since favour'd with your's of the 7th. June ℔ Tygris, to which we shall now reply.

We have received the Treasure, Red Wood & Broad Cloth consign'd to us on her & shall dispose of the latter at Outcry, putting it up seperate from any other Goods, as you advise.

We observe what your Honour &c^{t}. write with regard to our returning the Tygris to you in August in order to be dispatch'd home with the Admiral Vernon, which would no doubt be beneficial to our Hoñble Masters, were we not empower'd to send her from hence before the 1st. December, but as they are very clear in their Orders to us by that ship for dispatching her in this place in Oct^{r}. & there being no Clause in the Charter Party against it, we have therefore resolved to load & send her directly to Great Britain sometime in October conformable thereto.

In our last we gave your Honour &c$_{t}$. a particular Account of the State of this Province to that time when we had great hopes that the Rains, which were then coming on, would have prevented any further attempts of the Morattas untill they were over at least; But contrary to Expectation they return'd again in June; There is now a large Body of them at Cattua, where they have laid a Bridge over the River & have detached several Parties to the Island of Cossimbuzar, who are lying on the Villages round about that place & Muxcidavad, they have also seized on & are in possession of the King's Fort at Hughly; By our last Advices from Cossimbuzar the Nabob is making all preparation he can to hinder their Progress & has laid part of

the Country under Water for that End; It is also said that a large Body of Forces are coming from Patna under the Command of the Nabob of that place to assist him, & that they were advanced as far as Mongeer; It is further reported that the Moratta General has quarrel'd with the Beerbohun Rajah who with his people were retired to the Turney Hills, whereupon the Morattas were again plundering his Country.

This return of the Morattas in the Rainy Season has in a great measure overset the prospect we had on their Retreat of retreiving the bad consequences of their first coming; Futtichund & several of the Merchants have again quitted Muxcidavad so that we still the like reason to fear as when we wrote you last, our falling greatly short in the Investment both here & at Cossimbuzar, & more particularly in the Article of Gurrahs.

Another considerable misfortune to us occasion'd by these Commotions is, That the Mint at Muxcidavad is again shut up, so that we have no means of disposing of the Bullion received, which the Retreat of the Morattas gave us great reason to hope that we might have done, but Futtichund absolutely refuses to purchase it as do all the other Shroffs, so that we are obliged to engage more deeply in debt to carry on our Business, this makes us request that you will please to keep the Remainder of the Bullion consign'd hither (& which may be in your hands when this reaches you) & to send us the amount thereof in equal proportions of Madrass & Arcot Rupees.

We further request that you will encrease the Number of Guns mention'd in our last & send as many of those sizes as you are able to furnish us with, or of a larger size if you have not sufficient of those sorts, with a proportionable Number of shot to each Gun, also a Quantity of small Arms if you can admit of it, as our stores are very bare of these Articles.

We have already desired your Honour &c^{t}. to send down all the soldiers belonging to this settlement, which your Necessities have obliged you to detain at any time, & what further Number of Men you can spare from your own Garrison will be extreamly acceptable on this urgent occasion; as we have not sufficient Men to supply our several subordinate Factories to convey our Honble Masters Effects up & down the Rivers & to protect us from any insults that may be attempted.

On this Ship we send up the several Goods belonging to the Danish Missionaries at Madrass & Tranquebar, which are consign'd to your Honour &c^{t}. as you desire, as ℔ seperate Bill of Lading inclosed, as to the Bullion in our Treasury belonging to those Gentlemen we have had no opportunity to dispose of it as yet.

In the Invoice from hence ℔ Princess Augusta is enclosed 40 Chests of Gunpowder consign'd to your Honour &c^{t}. on ship Scarboro̅, of which six Chests were return'd by Cap^{t}. Goring, three of these were sent on the Porto Bello Sloop & the other three on the Princess Louisa, but this last Vessel losing her passage, We have applied them to our Honble Masters Service here & shall credit your Presidency for the amount of them as invoiced.

In the storekeeper's Account for the Princess Augusta sent your Honour &c^{t}. by her is charged Viz^{t}.

		⊕	q^{rs}.	lb.		Rs.		
1 Anchor	Pz.	17	1	–	@ 12℔ ⊕ is C.R^{s}.	207	–	–
1 Europe Cable, 16 Inch^{s}. ..		51	–	–	@ 12¼℔ ⊕	627	–	9
1 Anchor Stock				..		10	7	–
					Curr^{t}. Rup^{s}. ..	844	7	9

This Anchor & Cable were left behind in the River by Cap^{t}. Goring & being now deliver'd to Captain Taylor for the use of the Sumatra, they are included in her Invoice of Stores, & the amount brought to the Credit of your Presidency.

On this Ship we design'd to send your Honour &c^{t}. the 500 Pieces Brown Jugdea Baftaes order by our Honble Masters for chinting at your Place, & the same were on their way hither, but a hard Gale of Wind drove the Boat they were laden on a shore a little on this side Jugdea & fill'd her with water, by which accident we were prevented doing it, the Goods being return'd thither.

The Kintlage that came down on the ship George, we have transported on board the Sumatra for her use.

Being in want of small Arms we have received from Captain Taylor one Chest q^{t}. 18 Musquts with Bayonets, 2 Musquetoons, 4 Blunderbusses, 10 Pair Pistolls & 12 Cutlaces, the amount of which you will be pleased to debit this Presidency for.

Inclosed your Honour &c^{t}. have Invoice of Salt-petre & Gunneys laden on the Sumatra, Account our Hoñble Masters amounting to Current Rupees 18857. 8. — with First Bill of Lading for the same, also Captain Taylor's Account Charges fitting this ship & the Storekeeper's Account Stores supplied her with.

On the 29th. Instant our Hoñble Masters Ship the Grantham, Cap^{t}. Hale, arrived at Rogue's River.

Accompanying this We send an Address to our Hoñble Masters, which we request you will please to forward to them in your Packet ℔ Admiral Vernon. We are

FORT WILLIAM
31ST. JULY 1742.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Humble Servant
THOMAS BRADDYLL.
JOHN FORSTER.
WILLIAM BARWELL.
JOHN HALSEY.
WILLIAM BROOKE.

No. 92.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{T}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Captain Taylor in the Sumatra calling in at this place for a supply of Water gives us an opportunity of acknowledging the receipt of your Favour ℔ Ship Walpole of the 17th. Ultimo; That Ship arrived here the 22^{d}. in the Evening by whom we received the Treasure Wares & Stores laden on board her by your Honour &c^{t}. for the use of this Settlement, which came out right according to Invoice, She sail'd hence for Calcutta the 27th. and agreeable to your Orders we sent on her for that settlement thirty European soldiers & enclosed we send you a List of their Names, Times of Arrival in India &c^{t}.

Enclosed we also send you Cash & Paymast$^{r's}$. Accounts for the months July & August, together with a List of Cloth at this place.

We have the pleasure to inform your Honour &c^{t}. that Vizimramrauze has at last made up his Affairs with the Nabob of this Province; May a good understanding always subsist between them, as we are then persuaded that we shall not meet with any impediment in the Business of the Investment at this place, The late differences between them has certainly been of great disservice to us on that Account.

Captain John Crumpton would have taken his Passage on this ship, but having some Affairs to settle here which he could not possible do in so short a Warning, He therefore proposeth to set out for your place overland sometime this month, in case no Sea Conveyance offer'd, & desires to return your Honour &c^{t}. his most gratefull acknowledgements for the favour you design him upon his Arrival with you.

As we propose dispatching Peons for your Place in a few days, we shall then reply fully to your Letter of the 17th. Ultimo & Comply with the directions & orders therein mentioned: In the meantime we remain with respect.

VIZAGAPATAM
4TH. SEPTEMR. 1742.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. Humble Servants
JOHN STRATTON.
THOMAS SAUNDERS.
ROBERT GOODERE.

No. 93.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

This is chiefly to advise that I have laden on board the Essex Brigantine 170 Bales of Callicoes on Account & Risque of the Hoñble Company, for which Invoice & Bill of Lading comes inclosed.

Our Nabob Notwithstanding he has plunder'd & robbed the whole Countrey, he is not able to make good his engagements to Chicklass Cawn, for which reason it is thought he will not continue long Nabob of this Country & I hear he is already order'd to repair to Hyderabad.

I have begun the House your Honour &ct. has permitted me to build & if the Weather continues fair I believe I shall get the Brick work compleated by the middle of October; Inclosed is an Indent for some things I shall have occasion for, which I request your Honour will be pleased to send me by the return of the Essex Brigantine.

I am with the greatest respect

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient & most Humble Servant
RICHARD PRINCE.

INGERAM
21ST. AUGUST 1742.

INGERAM 21st. Augst. 1742.

INDENT FOR SUNDRIES WANTING AT INGERAM.

Rattans	40 Bundes [*sic*].
Red Lead	2 Maunds.
White Lead	2 Do.
Wood Oyl	2 Jars.
Grinstone	1
Iron	3 Candy.
Lead	2 Do.

No. 94.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

We are to acquaint your Honour &ct. that on Thursday the 2d. Instant we held a Consultation on a Dispute between the Right & Left-hand Cast at Cuddalore concerning their Previledges.

At which time the Deputy Governour reported that Eyan Permaul one of the Right-hand Cast and living in the Left-hand Street had attempted to make use of some of the Ceremonies belonging to his Cast on the death of his Wife, but was

stopped from proceeding by the Left-hand Cast, as it is an infringement upon their Priviledges & what was never done by any one (as they assert) but this Eyan Permaul & his Family in their Street.

Whereupon the Deputy Governour order'd them to assemble the Heads & Chief People of each Cast, together with the Bound Renters & any other knowing & experienced Persons, to consult on this Affair, & after having well consider'd the whole, without Favour or Partiality, to do be right & lawfull, & make an Award or Agreement to prevent any further Disturbances; And Eyan Permaul was order'd not to proceed on his Ceremonies till such time as this Affair determin'd, unless he would be content to use only the Left-hand Ceremonies in that Street, or make the Ceremonies of his own Cast in some of the Right-hand Streets.

After the Heads of the Casts had met & Consulted several times & pressed by the Deputy Governour to determine it fairly & justly between themselves, they would come to no final Agreement or Determination concerning it; Nor would Eyan Permaul return to His House, but lived in a Choultry, till he coud have liberty to go on with his Ceremonies.

At this Consultation we lookt into our Books of Former Consultations & found, That on the 16th. April 1733 a Complaint was made by the Left-hand Cast again [*sic*] Sha Permaul, Brother to this Eyan Permaul, & repeated again in August 1740 against Eyan Permaul only, to which We beg leave to referr your Honour &c^{t}.

Upon the first of these Complaints it is indeed said that they came to an Agreement, but as what the Agreement was is not mention'd, We are at a Loss to know the determination & can only find that they agreed to be quiet & peaceable, nor is there any determination at the other times, but we find upon examination That the Fact is thus, Sha Permall did make use of some of the Right-hand Ceremonies in the Left-hand Street at the time mention'd in the first Complaint & his Brother Eyan Permaul & the rest of the Family have done the same ever since, but not without great uneasiness & Vexation, as well as dishonour to the Left-hand Cast, Which uneasiness is now so great upon this Attempt of Eyan Permaul & the Cast seem so resolute to maintain their Previledges, that it may be of very ill Consequence to permit that Family to proceed in such a manner, especially as it is a thing unusual & contrary to the Customs of these people, & no one pretends to do it except this Family, altho there are several other Families of the Right-hand Cast who live in the Left-hand Street, as well as the Left-hand Cast in the Right-hand Street, Every one of whom either content themselves with making use of the Ceremonies of the respective Streets they live in, or go into one of the Streets of their Cast to perform their own Ceremony.

We have at present put a stop to these Proceedings, which have been cause of great Dissentions in the Town of Cuddalore & indeed thro the whole Bounds for several years, & it is our humble opinion That the Family of Eyan Permaul, as well as the Right hand Cast who inhabit in the Left-hand Street, should be obliged to sell their Houses & buy or build others in the streets of their own Cast, as well as the Left-hand Cast who live in the Right-hand Street, to do the same agreeable to the Custom of the Country, unless they will be content to make use of the Ceremonies of that Cast in whose street they inhabit or go into the streets of their own Cast to perform their Proper Ceremonies.

But as Orders of this Nature are of great Consequence, the several Casts being so tenacious of their Previledges & so ready to leave their Habitations rather than suffer Infringements upon them; We thought proper to referr this whole matter to your Honour &c^{t}. for your determination, having only given our opinion as before, but shall wait for your Orders & in the mean time keep each Cast as quiet and peaceable as possible.

The Chittee Cast then produced Sheer Cacon's [*sic*] Cowle on this Affair before we purchased this Settlement, which was read to them, a Translate of which comes inclosed to your Honour &c^{t}.

We are further to acquaint your Honour &c^{t}. that since the last Consultation Eyan Permaul is dead, having been ill for some time, but would not return to his House, thō be was much perswaded to it, till some time before his death, & the Right-hand Cast have petition'd the Deputy Governour to permit them to perform the Ceremonies of their own Cast for the deceased in the Left-hand Street, Against which the left hand Cast have protested, but have been with much difficulty persuaded to permit the Ceremonies to be used at the Funeral of the said Eyan Permaul, as his Family have done of late years, for this time only, by which we have prevented any ill consequences that might arise upon this Accident, before the Affair can be entirely determined.

We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
13TH. SEPTEMBER 1742.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Obedient Servants
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
EDWARD CROKE.
JOHN GRAHAM.
ROBERT ALLEN.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT.

LIST OF BALES.

Embaled	...	...	...	239
Beaters	...	...	...	68
Washers	...	...	...	13
Dyers	...	...	...	44
			Bales	364

TRANSLATE OF A COWLE GIVEN BY SHAREE CAWN TO TOMBY CHITTY, COMI CHITTY &C^{T}. LEFT-HAND CASTS, INHABITANTS OF CUDDALORE.

Whereas you have remonstrated to me, that you & the Right-hand Cast people are in dispute about making the Processions on your Weddings & other Ceremonies, and desired me to seperate & distinguish the Streets to you, that you may perform your Ceremonies &c^{t}. Agreeable to your desire I have appointed & divided Streets between you & the Right hand Cast people as follows.

You the Left-hand Cast people may pass thrō the Streets standing to the North Side of the Choultry. & the Right hand Cast to the South Side of the Choultry: The Buzar Street fronting my House & is belonging to the Circar is for all Nations in general, so that either Right or Left-hand Cast people has nothing to do with it & both Casts may pass through the said Street to their Houses from the Streets as above appointed; And I granted leave that the Left-hand Cast people may ride upon Horses, Elephants, Palankeens & Hackeries or walk on foot & do as it seemeth best to them in their Streets, & the other people has no reason to make any exceptions thereat, & as for the Right Hand Cast they may also ride upon Horses, Elephants, Palankeens & Hackeries & do as they shall think proper in their Own Streets, so that the foregoing two Cast People may do their Ceremony & other Pomps according to the Rights of their Casts, & there no occasion for any Disputes between them, & every one shall peacibly enjoy conformable to this Grant. I have also granted an Order to receive but half Juncam or Customs upon Paddy &c^{t}. Goods belonging to Tomby Chitty & Comi Chitty.

Having agreed together, I have put my Seal hereunto.

No. 25.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{T}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Yesterday we reed M^{r}. Secretary Savage's Letter of the 28th. of last month ℔ Sloop Mary, with Invoice & Bill of Lading inclosed for five Candy of Rope, which comes out right, & we now return her to your Honour &c^{t}. agreeable to your Order

with eighty four 84 Bales of Callicoes, Account & Risque our Hoñble Masters, amounting to Star Pagodas Five thousand eight Hundred eighty six, thirty one Fanams, Forty Cash 5886. 31. 40 & Allumparra one thousand two hundred, fourteen, Nine Fanams 1214. 9 as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading comes inclosed.

We are with respect
FORT ST. DAVID — HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

17TH. SEPTR. 1742. — Your Obedient Servants

AUGUSTUS BURTON.
EDWARD CROKE.
JOHN GRAHAM.
ROBERT ALLEN.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT.

LIST OF BALES.

Embaled	...	...	...	155
Baters	...	...	...	77½
Washers	...	...	...	3½
Dyers	...	...	...	44
			Bales	280

No. 96.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

This serves to inclose Copy of our Letter ℔ Sloop Mary with Duplicate Invoice & second Bill of Lading for eighty four 84 Bales of Callicoes sent on her this day consign'd to your Honour &ct.

We are with much respect
FORT ST. DAVID — HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

17TH. SEPTEMR. 1742. — Your Obedient Servants

AUGUSTUS BURTON &CT.

LIST OF BALES.

Embaled	...	...	...	155
Beaters	...	...	...	77½
Washers	...	...	...	3½
Dyers	...	...	...	44
			Bales	280

No. 97.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR:
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Honour &ct's. Letter of the 23d. July We recd the 15th. Ultimo & your Commands of the 2d. August the 31st. at night, Agreeable to which we now send a Copy of the Tygris's Invoice & hope it will arrive your Honour &ct. in time.

As yet there is very little appearance of the King of Travencore & the Dutch coming to any agreement, As the latter is in great expectation of sufficient Force from the new General of Batavia, & the Former building largely from the Assistance of the French, who we have daily reports here are making great preparations of Men & Provisions for coming this way, which if true may, prove of the worst Consequences to our Hoñble Masters Affairs here.

We are with due respect

ANJENGO — HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

2ᵖ. SEPTᴿ. 1742. — Your most Obedᵗ. Huṁ Servants

CHARLES WHITEHILL.
THOMAS PATTLE.
" "
MAY SCLATER.

No. 98.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQᴿ.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &Cʳ. COUNCIL OF FORT Sᵀ. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

The 4ᵗʰ. past I received your Favour of the 17ᵗʰ. August advising of your having me by way of Vizagapatam the account of the sortment of my last year's Cloth which I have received & shall now close the Books of this place & transmit you Copies thereof as soon as possible.

I shall observe your Honour &cᵗˢ. directions about the packing of my Fine Long Cloth & Fine Salampores & shall also take care that the Wrappers are good, As to the Gunneys if your Honour &cᵗ. thinks that come from the Bay better than what are made here & will be pleased to supply me therewith, it may probably prevent our Hoñble Masters complaining farther about them.

The Essex Brigantine sail'd out of this Road the 28ᵗʰ. Ultimo, but as the Wind has been Southerly ever since & still continues so, I am afraid it will be late before she gets up.

Inclosed comes Duplicates of what I had the Honour to write you by her, which is the needfull at present from him who is with the greatest respect

INGERAM — HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

8ᵀᴴ. SEPTᴿ. 1742. — Your most Obedient and most Humble Servant,
RICHARD PRINCE.

No. 99.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQᴿ.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &Cʳ. COUNCIL OF FORT Sᵀ. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

We are to inform your Honour &cᵗ. that the Agreement with our Merchants being left to us upon the most moderate Terms we can procure in your Letter of the 8ᵗʰ. Instant, We have held two Consultations on this subject, & after having endeavour'd without effect to prevail on the Merchants to lower the prices which

they deliver'd in, & believing from all the advices we can get that they are the real prices at this time, we have agreed to take in the Cloth, but as your Honour &c$^{t's}$. observation may be just, that reckoning the Chemanaikpollam Cloth at 46 Pag^{s}. a Corge is 10 ℔ C^{t}. dearer in N°. 3 & 12 ℔ C^{t}. dearer in N°. 4 than two years ago, as the Sortments have come out since January last; We in order to prevent this disadvantage, as much as in us lies, have in pursuance of your recommendation, given strict Charge to the Sorters of the Brown Cloth to take particular care not to receive any but what, they have reason to believe, will turn out to higher Sortments in Quantity than it has lately, & we promise ourselves some amendment of the Quality by this method, especially as it has had so good an Effect at your Settlement; Thõ it must undoubtedly lessen the Investment considerably, & the Turn'd out Cloth may fall into the Hands of our Competitors in Trade.

If therefore the Cloth now turns out better in the Sortments than before, it will in some measure make up for the Advancement of the Prices, & as most of what already embaled cost no more than 43½ Brokerage included, it will we hope partly answer in it's cheapness for it's deficiency in Goodness, thõ we can assure your Honour &c^{t}. our endeavours have not been wanting to oblige the Merchants to mend the Fabrick, & have we presume thrown out what is not fitting for the Europe Market.

We are sorry we should have given your Honour &c^{t}. so much trouble in relation to the Accounts we ought to have sent up, but by the receipt of the Paper inclosed in your Letter we now understand what Accounts are wanted, & which the Deputy Governour begs leave to represent have been kept up by him, without any material difference that he knows of, in the same manner as they were in M^{r}. Hubbard's time, which we hope will be seen upon the perusal of them; And in order to your further information in this Affair, & to give all the satisfaction we can in it, we have herewith sent the Book containing these Accounts, from the first beginning of the Investment being carried on by Brokerage till the time of M^{r}. Hubbard's decease, & a Copy of that which has been kept since the Arrival of the present Deputy Governour, & we humbly hope it will appear from all the Acc^{ts}. sent up, that the prices have been settled of late as soon as they were formerly, except in making up the difference of the Exchange of the Allumparra Pagodas & indeed in some Salem Cloth, the price of which we find very difficult to get speedily of the Merchants, & at this time, as we have observed in a former Letter, we have a Quantity in the Warehouse the prices of which are not yet come, thõ we have pressed as much as possible for them & have sent up Peons on purpose; This may arise from several Accidents, thõ we are sure from no designs on our part, & we hope & have reason to believe the Merchants have made no Advantage of it to the prejudice of the Hoñble Company.

However we have now positively insisted upon it, that setting aside all excuses or pretences of advantages gain'd from the Weavers, the Merchants shall always bring in the prices along with the Cloth, nor will sort any Brown till they have.

And if any neglect or omission or Error has happen'd in relation to this or any other part of the Investment since M^{r}. Hubbard's death, the Deputy Governour humbly hopes his long & dangerous illness, which confined him so much to his Chamber, & must necessarily in some measure take off his attention to & oversight of the Warehouse, will be some excuse, especially as he knows not nor is in the least apprehensive of any Injury being done the Hoñble Company in this Affair.

We are likewise to acquaint your Honour &c^{t}. that we delayed the second Consultation on this subject till Saturday the 18th. Instant to give time to M^{r}. Croke to prepare the reasons of his Account differing from the Merchants, which he deliver'd in at that time & we transmit herewith.

As there are several things in M^{r}. Croke's Report alledged against the Deputy Governour, he desired to take a Copy, & declared that he would deliver in an answer & set the matter in it's true light; but upon further consideration, as he finds there are several Articles inserted which cannot be either proved or disproved

by words only, & ought to have a strict examination, He humbly referrs it to the Honble Presidt. & Council, & is ready & desirous to clear himself from all imputations whatever that are therein alledged, & set the whole Affair in it's proper light before a Committee appointed for that purpose, or in any other manner they shall think proper; at the same time declaring he knows no injury done the Company in the Investment, & does not question but upon a fair & full hearing he shall be honourably acquitted of either doing it himself, or permitting others with his knowledge or consent.

As the latter Paragraph of your Honour &ct's. Favour of the 8th. Instant chiefly relates to the Paymaster, he begs leave to present in answer thereto, That the whole amount of Fanams paid to the Military, Gunroom Crew, Peons & all other Wages & allowances for the month of August amounted to Pagodas four hundred & seventy two & two Fanams 472. 2. There remain'd from his Advance of Pagodas six hundred fifty, 650, for disbursements one hundred seventy seven, thirty four Fanams 177. 34—. & by his Dyary Book, which being produced, there appears to be disbursed no more than Pagodas sixty, twenty three Fanams, fourteen Cash, 60. 23. 14 from the 1st. to the 15th. Instant, & he believes the like Sum will carry on the Disbursements to the end of the month.

The Europeans in the Military take in Rice to the amount of sixteen Fanams Madrass & the Topasses twelve Fanams, some few of them that have large Families take three or four Fanams more, but not one Man in either of the Companys receive Rice to the amount of one Pagoda, The like in the Gunroom & what makes the sum received in Fanams by the Warehousekeeper for Rice sold to be larger than what paid out by the Paymaster is one hundred & two Lascars in the Gunroom who receive two Pagodas each in Gold, & take up in Rice one with another about twenty four Fanams each, which is paid by them in Fanams, the like is done by many others in the Military & Gunroom, who receive no Fanams, but their Pay all in Gold; Some of the Peons, Conicoplies, and other Servants take up to the amount of thirty six Fanams in Rice, but that is likewise paid in to the Warehousekeeper in Fanams.

He hopes this Account will be satisfactory to your Honour &ct. that he has taken such part of his Advance in Fanams as will fully answer all Payments & Disbursements made by him.

The Warehousekeeper delivers in a Report concerning the Fanams he received for Rice deliver'd out to the Military &ct. which he desires the same may be sent inclosed to your Honour &ct. in this Letter.

The Deputy Governour desired that the Cash might be inspected by the Gentlemen, who have examin'd it & find it comes out right according to the Ballance, there are likewise Star Pagodas two thousand three hundred sixty six, ten Fanams, thirty six Cash 2366. 10. 36 as being the Amount of the Packing Stuff & Wrappers deposited in the Cash Chest of the torn & turn'd out Cloth wrote off in the year 1740 under those Heads deliver'd out by the Warehousekeeper agreeable to the inclosed Paper.

The St. Jerraunt Monsr. Drake Commdr. from France passed by here the 16th. for Pondicherry & we are since informed has deliver'd there sixty 60 Chests of silver, forty 40 Chests of Arms, some Ammunition & Broad Cloth.

We are

Fort St. David — Honble Sir & Sirs

20th. Septr. 1742. — Your Obedient Servants

Augustus Burton.

Whatever is contain'd herein contrary to what I have asserted in my Reasons deliver'd in Consultation on the 18th. Instant I object against. — EDWARD CROKE.

I think I have no occasion to make any Appollogy for the sorting of the Brown Cloth, for not a piece of it has passed thrõ my hands. — JOHN GRAHAM.

ROBERT ALLEN.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT.

TO THE WORSHLL. AUGUSTUS BURTON ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &Cr. COUNCIL OF FORT STr. DAVID.

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS

Agreeable to a General Letter of the 8th. Instant received from the Honble Richard Benyon Esqr. President & Governour &ct. Council of Fort St. George, directing me to give in my reasons for Differences between my Account & the Honble Company's Merchants from Primo May 1741 to Ultimo July 1742 which I do in the following manner.

IN MY ACCOUNT THUS STATED 1741.	LCC Cof	Pieces.	IN THE MERCHANTS THUS STATED 1742.	LCC Cof	Pieces.
May		..	May	55	1
June 1st.	55	1	June	34	14
July 25th.	107	11	July	42	17
Do. 25th.	42	17			
			Amounts. to in 3 months ..	132	12
			The Difference is	72	17
Amounts. to in the 3 months ..	205	9		205	9

in the Merchants side in their Account, they said to have brought in May Cof. 55. 1 ps. in my Account nothing appears, because that Quantity of Cloth was really brought in by the Merchants the first of June & carried back in to Account by Mr. Hubbard in the Journals for the month of May, from whence they have taken it.

In June the Merchants have said to have brought Corge 34. 14 ps. which Quantity in reality is the remainder that was reduced by the Deputy Governour or his order from Corge 107. 11 Cor. ps. that was brought in the 7th. of July, but carried back by Mr. Hubbard to Account in the Books for June in the place of the Cof. 55. 1 ps. Mr. Hubbard had carried to Account from the 1st. June to May, as will appear in the explanation of these 3 months differences plainer.

The Cof. 42. 17 the Merchants have left for the month of July, was the Quantity that was really brought in the 25th. of that month & was charged to Account in the Journals for the same month, & which added to the Cof. 107 11 brought in the 7th. makes just my Account of Cof. 105. 8 brought in by Merchants the month of July.

The difference of these 3 months is Cof. 72. 17 less in the Merchants Acct. than in mine, the reasons for which are as follow.

The Cor. 107. 11 which the Merchants brought in the 7th. of July, Mr. Hubbard carried Back to Account in the Books in June rerckonining [*sic*] at Prime Cost Pags. 41 ℔ Cof: which I can prove by my Vouchers whicy are my Monthly Paper deliver'd into Consultation & Mr. Hubbard's Monthly Account sent in

to be enter'd in the Journal, but his Worship sent Grua Rauze for the Books in the month of December which were accordingly sent him, & after they had been in his possession, were return'd by Grua Rauze to my Writer, to take out such leaves as we were dash'd & transcribe them according to the Alterations made in the Warehouse Journal, which as the Books came from the Deputy Governour with these directions, he made no scruple to obey, not thinking but they were real mistakes, but some months after, I having an occasion to look over the Books for some Accounts, found the following Alterations made in the month of June, where stood enter'd as aforesaid Long Cloth Chemanaikpollam Corge 107. 11 ps., the Quantity was scratch'd out & reduced to Cor. 34. 14, the remaining Cor. 72. 17, which is the difference that appears less in the Merchants Account than in mine, his Worship carried or order'd forward to some other month as brought in by him, & I have all the reason imaginable to believe his Worship brought or order'd it into the month of August, in which month, in the Merchants & Gruarauze's Account, there stands charged as brought in by the Merchants Long Cloth Ordin^{y}. Cor, 72.15, & I am well assured no such Quantity of that specie was brought in the whole Account; As for the Quantity of Long Cloth Chemanaickpollam Cor. 100 charged in that month, that Quantity was brought in by the Merchants, from whence came them Corge 72. 15 of Long Cloth Ordinary? or whence has his Worship carried or order'd the Corge 72. 17 of the Long Cloth Chemanaikpollam? It must have been (as I know the Long Cloth Chemanaickpollam Corge 72. 17 remaining from M^{r}. Hubbard's Cloth brought to Account in June was good Cloth) that M^{r}. Burton has brought or order'd the 72·17 to Account for that month & reduced that Quantity out of August Cloth to Ordinary, which was not altogether so good & which could be no loss to the Merchants, since August Chemanaikpollam Cloth was charged by his Worship at Pagodas 42½ ℔ Corge before he made or orderd to be made the Alteration in that month, & as M^{r}. Burton Charged the Long Cloth Ordinary (that had been reduced & sorted from other species to that head in several months) altogether in the Sum of Corge 114. 6 in the month of December Pag^{s}. 43.18 6 ℔ Corge, then as I said before, these Corge 72. 17 of Cloth brought forward from June was better than the Cloth in August; I cannot in reason believe, but M^{r}. Burton must have charged August price for it, which was after he made or order'd to be made the Ateratations [*sic*], at Pagodas 48. 12 and reduced that Quantity out of the Corge 110 to Ordinary, which I must refer to the President &c^{t}. Council to enquire of the Deputy Governour, & now proceed to give an Account, as I have said above, that the Long Cloth Chemanaikpollam in August was for some months charged by his Worship at Pagodas 42½ ℔ Corge & afterwards, when the above Alteration was made, it was alter'd to Pag^{s}. 48. 12 ℔ Corge which is as follows.

In the month of August was enter'd in the Journals, from the Monthly Account given in, Long Cloth Chemanaikpollam Corge 110 amounting to Pagodas 4675, which is the Prime Cost & comes to Pagodas 42½ ℔ Corge, which was M^{r}. Hubbard's price in the precedent month, & which had passed in Consultation both as the Journal & Monthly Paper till the month of December, when his Worship sent for the Books, when the foregoing Alteration was made, as I can make appear by my Vouchers M^{r}. Burton dashed out, or by his order was dash'd out the sum of Pagodas 4675 in the 1st. section of the Journal Parcels, & the Leaf order'd to be taken out & transcribed & to be inserted the amount of Pag^{s}. 5316·24 & alter'd it in the Warehouse Journal to that amount, which it comes out now at Prime Cost Pag^{s}. 48. 12 ℔ Corge.

In the same month of August there stood charged in the Journals & Monthly Paper passed in Consultation, Long Cloth Ordinary Corge 26 amounting to Pag^{s}. 1027 Prime Cost comes to Pag^{s}. 39½ ℔ Corge, which Head & sums M^{r}. Burton dash'd out order'd to be dash'd out in the First Section of the Journal Parcels & order'd the Leaf to be transcribed & according to the Alteration he wrote or order'd to be wrote Worriapollam, but the word Worriapollam seems to the best of my Judgement to be M^{r}. Burton's own hand-writing, however he alter'd the Corge 26 to Pag^{s}. 1170, which comes to at Prime Cost Pag^{s}. 45 ℔ Corge, in the like manner M^{r}. Burton alter'd or order'd it to be alter'd in the Warehouse Journal.

In the month of September there stood charged in the monthly Consultation Paper, Long Cloth Chemanaickpollam Corge 105. 3 amounting to Pag^{s}. 4468. 31. 40 being at Prime Cost, comes to Pag^{s}. 42½ ℔ Corge, which Leafs M^{r}. Burton order'd to be taken out of both Journals & to be transcribed & to be inserted in the first section of the Journal Parcels to the amount of Pag^{s}. 5082. 9 being the Prime Cost, comes to Pag^{s}. 48. 12, which sum, after the Warehouse Journal Leaf was transcribed, was inserted by M^{r}. Burton or his Order; All which I can produce my Vouchers & Books for the truth of.

The reasons of Salampores Ordinary 78 Corge being charged by the Merchants in December in their Account, as having been brought in by them & not in my Account, is occasion'd by M^{r}. Burton having taken Corge 34. 17⅓ of the Good Cloth from the Torn Cloth for wrappers & made them into that Quantity of Sallampores Ordinary & charged them to the Honble Company as Brown Cloth brought in by the Merchants with Brokerage.

In the same month of December order'd to be took from the Torn Cloth for Wrappers the Good Cloth Corge 14. 8¾ & made into 57¾ of Moorees, which thõ the Cloth was very good, the Gentlemen sorters rejected them as not Fine enough for that denomination, which his Worship exported for his own Account, but the 17th. of July last in a report in Consultation made in my name, his Worship &c^{t}. gave orders for the Sale of a large Quantity of Wrappers at Star Pag^{s}. 37 ℔ Corge, by which his Worship means the Good Cloth taken from the Wrappers.

There was turn'd out in M^{r}. Hubbard's time Corge 14. 17 Pieces of Chemanaikpollam for Packing Stuff for Wax cloth, which his Worship order'd to be resorted, Accordingly was, Corge 10. 7 to Long Cloth Ordinary & Corge 4. 10 to Long Cloth Chemanaikpollam, which were taken in & charged as Brown Cloth brought in by the Merchants with Brokerage, which is a Proof that the Cloths brought in M^{r}. Hubbard's time was much better than the Cloths brought in since M^{r}. Burton's Arrival.

The Differences of the Long Cloth Chemanaickp̃: being but Corge 80. 19 less in the Merchants Account than in mine & so large a Quantity of Long Cloth Chemanaikpollam has been reduced to Long Cloth Ordinary, I must account for in the following manner.

There has been at times reduced from Long Cloth Chemanaikpollam to Long Cloth Ordinary Corge 103. 19. but the Long Cloth Chemanaikpollam has been in part fill'd up with Corge 4. 10 resorted by M^{r}. Burton's order to that Specie, from M^{r}. Hubbard's Corge 14. 17 of Turn'd out Cloth above said, & Corge 18. 8 brought in August & carried to July, which is the reason there appears now no more than Corge 80. 19 less in the Merchants Accounts than in mine.

Long Cloth Ordinary Corge 114. 6 that appears in the Merchants Account to be brought in several Months, & in M^{r}. Burton's as brought to Account in December, does not appear in my Account, is occasion'd by none of that Specie having been brought in, but arose from Long Cloth Chemanaikpollam Corge 103. 19 reduced at times to Long Cloth Ordinary & Corge 10. 7 resorted by M^{r}. Burton's Order to this Head, from the Corge 14. 17 aforesaid, that was turn'd out by M^{r}. Hubbard for Packing-Stuff for Wax cloth, with Corges 10. 7 added to Cor̃ 103. 19 of reduced Long Cloth Chemanaikpollam, makes the sum of Corge 114. 6 of Long Cloth Ordinary.

The Difference of Long Cloth Fine being Cor̃ 2. 1 more in the Merchants Account than in mine, is occasion'd by that Quantity brought in August & carried back to July.

And the same reason is for Long Cloth Salem, being Corge 44 more in the Merchants Account than in mine & 11 Pieces being torn for which they owe us, which as they have not yet brought in, I have not credited them for it, thõ Gruarauze has.

Worriapollam Long Cloth being in the Merchants Acco^{t}. Corge 4. 2 less than in mine, is a mistake the Merchants must answer for in not charging it.

Your Worship &c^{t}. will see by this explanation of the differences the truth of my Account, in not differing from the Merch^{ts}. much in respect to the whole Quantities brought in, but in Long Cloth Worriapollam Corge 4. 2 less, also 2 Pieces charged by them less, as in Long Cloth Ordinary Cor̃ 72. 15 in the place of Corge 72. 17 that was reduced to that Head from August Cloth, but the wide differences chiefly being in the Alteration of the prices of the Cloths in some of the months & likewise in the Quantity of Cloths, & the Cloths reduced said to be brought in under a different denomination than what they were.

Since I have been so very particular in my relation of the 3 months Alterations, it may be tedious & somewhat confused in the whole, therefore I presume to give the following Abstract for your more distinct view of the Articles.

In June	LCC Corge 107. 11 brought to Account at Pag^{s}. 41 ℔ Cor̃ was alter'd to Corge 34. 14 & the Cor̃ 72. 17 remaining, was carried forward to LCC Cor̃ 110 in August month at Pag^{s}. 48. 12 ℔ Corge, that Quantity of 72. 17 was reduced from Corge 110 to LCO at Pag^{s}. 43½ ℔ Corge, only they have mistook in 2 Pieces.
In August	LCC Corge 26 was brought to Account at Pag^{s}. 39½ ℔ Corge & was alter'd to Worriapollam at Pag^{s}. 45 ℔ Corge.
D^{o}.	LCC Corge 110 was brought to Account at Pag^{s}. 42½ ℔ Corge & was afterwards alter'd to to [*sic*] Pag^{s}. 48½ ℔ Corge.
In Sept^{r}.	LCC Corge 105. 3 was brought to Account at Pag^{s}. 42½ ℔ Cor̃ & was alter'd to Pag^{s}. 48. 12 ℔ Corge.

I am with respect
FORT S^{T}. DAVID
17TH. SEP^{T}. 1742.

WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
EDWARD CROKE.

N^{o}. 100.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C . COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Agreeable to your Honour's & Council's direction in the General Letter of the 8th. Instant, I have deliver'd in to the Governour &c^{t}. my reasons for the differences between the Merchants Accounts & mine stated opposite, & hope it is not improper herewith to inclose to your Hon^{r}. & Council Duplicates of the same.

I understand by your Honour &c^{t}. directing me to adjust my Account with the Merchants, that those directions are not meant or limited to the differences of the times the Cloths were brought in, or the Quantity having been carried to the Wrong months, but extends to all the differences either in our Accounts sent up before or that arises in our Books here as tending to the prejudice of our Hoñble Masters Interest; From a sincere Zeal to preserve which & my own Credit, I have been obliged to take notice of those Alterations M^{r}. Burton has made in the months of June, August & September, which I have garnish'd with any reflections but given a naked relation of the Fact & that your Honour & Council may have a true & proper light into the same, I have enclosed a state of those Heads as they stood charged in the Books in M^{r}. Hubbard's time & since by M^{r}. Burton till the Alterations were made by his Worship, & on the opposite site as they now stand since M^{r}. Burton

made the Alterations, taken from my Vouchers, which are the monthly Papers passed in Consultation & from an original Paper sent by M^r^. Hubbard, in the month of June to be enter'd for that month in the Journals.

When I lay before the Board my explanation aforemention'd I enter'd in a report, which I desired might be forwarded to your Hon^r^. & Council, of the good Cloth M^r^. Burton has order'd to be taken from the torn Cloth for Wrappers, requesting payment for the same at Star Pag^s^. 37 ℔ Corge according to a report he had made in my Name in a Consultation of the 17^th^. of July, wherein his Worship &c^t^. gave an order for the Sale of a quantity of Wrappers at that rate, but as his Worship had long before that order'd the Cloth to be taken from the torn Remnants, I referr'd any further demands that might be made upon M^r^. Burton to your Hon^r^. & Council, & do now take the Liberty to referr to the Hoñble Governour in case any thing appears difficult in this Affair, to whom I have wrote at large, in the same report I also requested payment for the Long Cloth Chemanaickpollam that was wrote of in M^r^. Hubbard's time to Packing Stuff for Wax Cloth, which M^r^. Burton has order'd to be resorted to Long Cloth Chemanaikpollam & Long Cloth Ordinary, & brought them in as Brown with Brokerage.

When my explanation had been read in Consultation, the Deputy Governour dinied the Alterations having been made, but declared that he had the Account Current Book with the Merchants, that had been wrote in M^r^. Hubbard's time & in which M^r^. Burton had continued to keep his Accounts since M^r^. Hubbard's decease, & that the Quantity & Prices therein were the same for the three months aforemention'd, as in the present State of the Warehouse Journal, which I requested to see, which he accordingly deliver'd, & in which I found the month of June, in respect of the Long Cloth Chemanaikpollam Corge 107.11 brought to Account by M^r^. Hubbard, to be there no more than Corge 34-14. agreeable to the Alteration M^r^. Burton had order'd to be made in the Warehouse Journal & first Section of the Journal Parcells, but by further inspection I found, that as the Leaf D^r^. & C^r^. Side had been wrote by M^r^. Hubbard's Braminy, they differ'd, thō the Credit side had been taken out & transcribed, therefore as I knew it was not M^r^. Burton's writing, requested, M^r^. Sloper his Worship's Writer, M^r^. Alexander Wynch & Ensign Morgan who writes sometimes for his Worship, might be sent for, believing it was one of those Gentlemen's writing, accordingly they were, M^r^. Sloper came, M^r^. Wynch was gone on board the Sloop & Ensign Morgan could not be found in time, I asked M^r^. Sloper before the Board if he wrote that Leaf, he answer'd no, I asked him if he knew the hand, he said in his opinion it was Ensign Morgan's, then as the Warehouse Journal was there for his Worship to see the Scratches & Alterations made, I ask'd M^r^. Sloper as before in the presence of the Board if he knew those Figures, or who had scratched & alter'd them several Sums, he answer'd that he had, by whose order I had no occasion to ask him then, But I don't doubt but if your Honour & Council think proper to send an Order for Ensign Morgan to declare the truth of that Transcribe, but that he will, as well as M^r^. Sloper will confirm what he own'd in Consultation, relating to the Alteration in the Journals, these Proofs & my other Vouchers I presume will be of sufficient Force to convince your Honour & Council of the truth of my Allegations, notwithstanding M^r^. Burton insist the alterations were not made but the Quantity & Prices were so stated from the beginning, & endeavours to perswade, if words would blind reasons, that he neither has injured the Hoñble Company's Investment not permitted it to be done by his knowledge or Consent to another, which I referr to your Honour & Council's superior judgement.

M^r^. Burton requested my Vouchers, but as your Honour &c^t^. had not order'd me to an examination I reserved them when your Honour & Council may think proper to demand them.

I must assure your Honour & Council that it is with the greatest regret I am compell'd thus to expose his Worship, but as my Masters Interest & my own Welfare are at Stake I must give way to the necessity of the case & hope it will meet with

the same just Construction from your Honour & Council, thō I must expect Mr. Burton's private resentments will represent me in dark Colours very different from the truth.

I am with the Highest respect

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

FORT ST. DAVID
19TH. SEPTEMR. 1742.

Your most Obedient &Faithfull Servai
EDWARD CROKE.

No. 101.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Upon examination of the Cloth brought in by the Merchants upon our agreement of the 24th. Instant, we find it in the general run to be no better than what has hitherto been thought in upon this years investment, & that there are very Pieces among it which will sort to the higher Numbers in proportion to the great Quantities of the lower sort, & to the still greater Quantities which must be entirely rejected & that upon the whole it will not answer to the raising of the Prices as was expected.

We have therefore thought proper to acquaint your Honour &ct. with it, & to request leave to deliver back to the Merchants their Cloth brought in by them upon those terms, to be disposed of by them as they think proper, they repaying the money advanced them thereupon. We are with respect

FORT ST. DAVID
24TH. SEPTR. 1742.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
EDWARD CROKE.
JOHN GRAHAM.
ROBERT ALLEN.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT.

No. 102.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Enclosed we send you Duplicate of our last ℔ Ship Sumatra.

We have now freighted on the Augusta thirteen Bales Brown Balasore Sanoes on account our Hoñble Masters as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading inclosed amounting to Current Rupees 8297.

In our last we omitted to transmit our Import Warehousekeeper's Certificate of the Goods imported here ℔ Ship Sumatra, which we now inclose & wherein you will perceive there is a deficiency in the weight of the Copper sent us of

Mds.	Sr.	Ch.
5	26	13

which your Honour &ct. will please to adjust with Captain Taylor.

As to the situation of Affairs in this Province they are much in the same posture as when we wrote you last, the Nabob still continues in his Camp near Muxcidavad & the Moratta Army lay pretty near him but nothing of consequence hath happen'd between them as yet. We are

FORT WILLIAM
17TH. AUGUST 1742.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Humble Servant [*sic*].
THOMAS BRADDYLL.
JOHN FORSTER.
WILLIAM DAVIS.
WILLIAM BARWELL.
JOHN HALSEY.
WILLIAM BROOKE.

I hereby Certify that I have received all the Treasure & Merchandize imported from Madrass on Ship Sumatra Acct. the Hoñble Compa. except a deficiency of Copper as follows—

	Tons.	qr.	lb.			
Copper Invoiced 816 Bundles contA. 13343 Pieces pz.	65	2	2	1		
is Maunds					1953	29	2
whereof I have recd, 813 Bundes [*sic*] Cont. 13320 Pieces							
1 Bag ContA. 105 Fragments					1948	2	11
					5	26	13

Deficient in Copper five Maunds twenty six Seer thirteen Chetank, the amount whereof I have not received of the Captain.

WILLIAM BARWELL.
Imt. W.Hkr.

No. 103.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &Cr. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

We wrote you in Duplicates under date the 31st. Ultimo by the Ships Sumatra & Augusta with an Addition ℔ last of the 17th. Instant since which we have received your favour of the 9th. Instant by our Hoñble Masters Ship the Lynn.

We are sorry that the report at Madrass of an Agreement between our Nabob & the Morattas proves groundless, their Affairs are much in the same situation as when we wrote you last, the Armies are in sight of each other near Cossimbuzar, but no Action has happen'd as yet.

We return your Honour &Ct. our thanks for the Soldiers & Small Arms you have sent us ℔ Lynn & Warlpole [*sic*] as well as for the Cannon you design us on the Marlboro &Ct. The Men by the Lynn are come on shore & the small Arms are sent for, These supplies will be of great use to us & we hope you may be able to furnish us with a further Number of Cannon & Men agreeable to what we wrote ℔ Sumatra, for which we shall greatly obliged [*sic*].

We remark what your Honour &Ct. write concernS. the Broad Cloth sent on the Tygris for Bombay & shall advise those Gentlemen of it; As to the 50 Tons Iron design'd for that Presidency by her, we shall consider whether it be most for the Hoñble Company's Interest to send it thither on the Lynn or dispose of it in this place & act accordingly.

We observe what you are pleased to say with regard to your exchanging part of the Bullion ℔ Marlboro into Arcot RupS. & must referr your Honour &Ct. to what we have wrote by the Sumatra on this Head; The Mint at Muxcidavad being still shut up and no opportunity of disposing of the Bullion any other way.

We have not any Blue Broad Cloth in our Warehouse or should have complied with your Honour &c^{t}. request for five Bales by this Conveyance.

The several Papers mention'd in your Honour &c$^{t's}$. Letters ℔ Lynn came safe as ℔ List in the Packet, with Copy of the 7th. Paragraph of our Hoñble Masters Commands to you dated the 2^{d}. April 1741; We had the like order under the 24th. of that month sent us as ℔ Admiral Vernon, The Box Packet that came out in yours ℔ Lynn was deliver'd us by Captain Gilbert.

We observe the Calculation your Honour &c^{t}. have made of the Number of Bales you expect to have ready for any ships we may send up to you in December which we shall duely regard when we come to station our Hoñble Masters Ships for this Season; but at present our Investment remains in the same uncertain State as when we wrote you last; so that it is impossible for us to form any judgement what Quantities of Goods we shall get in or how we may be able to dispose of the Tonnage consign'd us.

We shall credit your Presidency for the Arrack &c^{t}. supplied the Soldiers with that you have sent us & shall pay Cap^{t}. Gilbert for their diet on board his Ship at the rate you mention.

We thank your Honour &c^{t}. for the Household Furniture sent on the Lynn in part of what we wrote to you for.

Since we begun this Letter, our Hoñble Masters Ship Marlborough arrived us & brought your Honour &c$^{t's}$. favour of the 19th. Instant with the several Papers enclosed as ℔ List of the Packet.

We shall take care to comply with your Honour &c$^{t's}$. Indent for Packing Stuff & see that the Gunneys sent you are of the best Sort procurable here.

We shall do our best endeavours to supply your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. with a proper quantity of Salt petre for the Defence, should she come your way, & for the supply of any Ship you may have to dispatch the September following.

We shall credit your Presidency for the amount of the Household Furniture sent us & on the Arrival of the Walpole shall enquire concerning the deficiency of Lead by her & the Marlbro.

We are

FORT WILLIAM
30TH. AUGUST 1742.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble servants
THOMAS BRADDYLL.
JOHN FORSTER.
WILLIAM DAVIS.
WILLIAM BARWELL.
JOHN HALSEY.
WILLIAM BROOKE.

No. 104.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{T}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

This serves only to inclose the Deputy Governour's Answer to what alledged against him by M^{r}. Croke, & to beg leave to deferr our replying to the other Parts

of your Honour &c$^{t's}$. Letter of the 30th. September till the Deputy Governour is able to hold a Consultation, which he declares his illness at Present renders him incapable of.

We are with respect

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
7TH. OCTOBER 1742.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Obedient Servants,
AUGUSTUS BURTON.

I intend to make my objections to his Worship's answer, as soon as I receive a
EDWARD CROKE.

JOHN GRAHAM.
ROBERT ALLEN.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT.

TO THE WORSH^{LL}. AUGUSTUS BURTON ESQ^{R}.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &C^{T}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

WORSH^{L}. SIR & SIRS

The Deputy Governour being order'd by the Hoñble President & Council to answer to the several charges exhibited against him by M^{r}. Croke at a Consultation of the 18th. of last month, which they have set forth in their Letter of the 30 . requiring forthwith a reply from him, which he most readily submits to, althõ at present he is very much indisposed & confined to his Bed.

THAT the Deputy Governour arrived here the 22^{d}. of August, & some days after Grua Rauze Warehouse Conicoply told him that some of the Chemanaickpollam Cloth already brought to Account was sorted to Ordinary, which he found to be fact on looking over the Sorting Book kept up regularly by M^{r}. Cooke under Warehousekeeper, which some days ago he sent to the Hoñble President; towards the end of December or beginning of January the quantity of Cor. 72. Ps. 17 was sorted from the Chemanaikpollam to Ordinary, & in making up the Annual Account Current with Grua Rauze of all the Cloth brought in by the Merchants for the year to the last of December, which the Warehousekeeper & Merchants have lately sign'd to; This quantity with some sorted Brown from the Chemanaikpollam in October & December was brought in the December Month's Account as Ordinary, & in order Gruarauze to ajust this Account, he consented to his dashing out of the month of June's Account the Cor. 72. Ps. 17 out of the Cor. 107. Ps. 11 which made remaining but Cor. 34. Ps 14 at 41 Pagodas ℔ Corge; The Cor. 72. Ps. 17 sorted to Ordinary was carried to the December Account with the Medium price one with another, of the Cost of all that Sort of Cloth brought in from August to December as well as all the other Sorts of Cloth was done in the like manner, which seemingly appear'd that an advanced price was put upon this Cloth, but in reallity it was charged at what it stood in the June Account 41 Pagodas ℔ Corge as ℔ the Account Particulars sent the Honble President & Council with the General Letter of the 20th. of last month; This Cloth was purchased with the Current Pagodas & most of the rest with the Allumparra, for none of this Coin was advanced the Merchants before the Deputy Governour's arrival here.

THAT the Cor. 110 Chemanaikpollam Cloth brought in August at 42½ which Grua Rauze dash'd out by the Deputy Governour's Consent & put to a higher price, arises from the same method, by bringing the whole Quantity of this Cloth brought from the month of August to the last of December into a Medium price one with another, which occasioned that difference in the price or thereabouts, set forth by M^{r}. Croke; but the Account Particulars sent the Hoñble President & Council, according to their order of the 8 . last month, will plainly shew that the Price of 42½ was continued,

but what Mr. Croke means this Cloth was not so good as the former, the Deputy Governour cannot readily apprehend, but he could wish that when it was sorted Brown more care was taken to bring it directly from the Chemanaikpollam to Ordinary, as it was done in the months of October & December following, then it would have his proper Chop upon it to distinguish it from the Chemanaikp̃: when it comes from the Wash, otherwise the Deputy Governour cannot see how it is possible to know the Cloth brought in June from that brought in August, however about 23 Corge of the 110 was brought in & measured after the Deputy Governour's Arrival here, the rest from the death of his Predecessor to his Arrival.

That the 26 Corge of Ordinary in August at 39½ brought to Worriapollam at 45 is what the Deputy Governour order'd Grua Rauze to scratch out, because he all along intended to distinguish this Sort of Cloth from the Ordinary taken out of the Chemanaikpollam as it being quite of another Texture; He has followed the method ever since he has been here of bringing that Sort under the name of Worriapollam as in former times, & stopped the Merchants hands from bringing in any more, because they should not interfere with Andeapa, Grua Rauze said that it cost 45 Allumparra Pagodas ℔ Corge, it being purchased with that money as the rest of the Cloth of that Sort was since brought in by Andeapah, till the Currency of that Coin was quite stopped by the Nabob's Order; The Warehouse Books with these Alterations the Deputy Governour then order'd Grua Rauze to carry & shew to the Warehouse-keeper.

Cor. Ps.
That the 105. 3 Chemanaikpollam Cloth at 42½ was (as it is said) afterwards alter'd & charged to 48½, the Deputy Governour declares that he knows nothing of it to the best of his knowledge & Grua Rauze who ever brings & used to bring the Account of the Cloth to the Deputy Govr. from the Merchants & from him to the Warehousekeeper does not remember, as he says, that he ever gave such an Account to be enter'd in the Warehouse Journal, but only the amount of the Particulars without the prices being fixed to it as usual.

As the Deputy Governour cannot at present recollect any thing else to lay before you in answer to the Charge exhibited against him by Mr. Croke; he therefore humbly asks the Hoñble President & Council's pardon for the Errors he has committed in consenting the several Account beforemention'd to be dash'd out in the mañer therein set forth; But his indisposition at that very time, & as is set forth in our Letter to his Honour &ct. of the 20th. of last month, will, he hopes, be an excuse of obtaining their Favour, & 'tis certain had he then his health in any degree whatever he could not have made such a mistake, when those Errors might otherwise been easily corrected; But at that very instant he was so dangerously ill that his Life was despair'd of, which he likewise begs leave to appeal for the truth of this Assertion to Doctor Munro, who then attended him & is now at Fort St. George.

I am
Fort St. David — Worshl: Sir & Sirs
15th. October 1742. — Your most Humble Servant
Augustus Burton.

No. 105.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esqr.
President & Governour &ct. Council of Fort St. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

The Deputy Governour continuing still so indispos'd as not to hold a Consultation for the answering of your Honour &c.r's last Letter; This serves only to enclose

our Expences for August with Consultations & Cash Account for last month, Ballance whereof is in star Pagodas Fanams & Cash, ten thousand two hundred forty four Pagod^{s}. twenty three Fanams & fifty two Cash 10244. 23. 52.

We are with respect

FORT S^{T}. DAVID — HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

8TH. OCTOBER 1742. — Your Obedient Servants

AUGUSTUS BURTON.
EDWARD CROKE.
JOHN GRAHAM.
ROBERT ALLEN.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT.

No. 106.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{T}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

With your Honour &c^{t}. Letter of the 17th. August came an Account of t Sortments of Goods shipp'd on the Fort S^{t}. George Brigantine & of some of tho which were sent formerly on the Rebecca by M^{r}. Joseph Goddard deceased, that which hath been taken in of what he sent up shall be put to the Credit of his Estate as it was debted to settle the Merchants Accounts.

The several other Orders contain'd in your last shall be respectively obeyed.

After the Miss Jenny Brigantine had received on board one hundred & twenty one Bales of Fine Cloth belonging to the Hoñble Company & waited only for her dispatches, there happen'd a Storm which forced the people at last to cut the Cable and drive into deep water, but with the hard Riding she sprung a Leak in her Bows which hath obliged me to reland the Bales, some of which are a little damaged.

Enclosed are the Journal Parcels & Cash Acc^{ots}. for the months of July & August.

I am with great respect

MADDAPOLLAM — HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

25TH. SEPTEMBER 1742. — Your most Obedient and most Humble Servant

JOHN HALLYBURTON.

No. 107.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{T}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

As the Deputy Governour has deliver'd in his Answer the 5th. which was forwarded with our General Letter of the 7th. Instant, thõ I find in it nothing material but composed of such excuses that I have no reason to apprehend can any ways invalidate my plain & clear State of the Case, as your Honour & Council have been pleased to hint, that was sent with our General Letter of the 18th. past, Yet as those several Articles may by their subtle Composure, somewhat perplex the matter, I think it incumbent upon me to take some notice of such of them therein contain'd as are so far derogating from the truth of what I exhibited, & can maintain for the very truth, & which will appear manifestly so by my Vouchers, the Monthly Papers, Books and other Proofs, the Substance of which, as soon as the Deputy Governour thinks himself capable to hold a Consultation, I intend to deliver to the Board here in order to be enter'd, & in the mean time assume the Liberty to send them in this Letter to your Honour & Council.

In order hereunto I must first inform your Honour & Council when I deliver'd into Consultation my reasons of the 18th. past the Deputy Governour declared that he never made nor knew of any Alterations made in the Books, upon which, at his request, the Warehouse Journal was produced, wherein appeared the Alterations as I related them in my reasons sent up, Yet the Deputy Governr. continued then to disown them, therefore at my desire Mr. Sloper the Deputy Governour's Writer was sent for, who confess'd to have made the figures in those Alterations, by the Deputy Governour's Order, and now since the Deputy Governour has thought fit to own them in such a manner as he is pleas'd to express in his Answer, I shou'd if not prevented by his Worship's indisposition, and not caring to hold a Consultation, lay this before the Board; I shall now proceed to touch upon his first Article.

That the Long Cloth Chenamanaickpollam Corge 107. 11 pieces, brought to Account in the Month of June, by Mr. Hubbard at pags. 44 ℔ Corge, and which the Deputy Governour wou'd have Your Honour and Council to beleive, that Gruarauze Warehousekeeper's Conicoply, told him some Days after his Worships Arrival, which was the 22d. of August, that some part of that Cloth had been before he came, sorted to Ordinary, first the Cloth was really brought in the 7th. of July, thô carried back to Account in the Journal for June, as I have said in my former paper sent up, and as there was then to be sent to the Wash About 205 Corges in all Brown, I appeal to Your Honour, and Council, whether it cou'd be cur'd by the Deputy Governour's Arrival much less sorted to Ordinary as he pleas'd to report; However the Gentlemen, my self, and all the Conicoplys, and even the Merchants, are perfectly sensible, that it was not sorted to Ordinary, either before, or since his coming, for we all knew that Quantity to be good Cloth, and that even no long Cloth Chinamanaikpollam, was sorted to Ordinary. as the Deputy Governour relates, before his coming Indeed there was Corge 62 of Ordinary, that had been brought in Brown, and charged to Account in Aprill, was when white, sorted 12 Bales in the Month of July, and 31 Bales in the Month of August. As for the Deputy Governour refering to a sorting Book, that Gruarauze took privately out of the Warehouse, and was sent your Honour and Council, and asserted by the Deputy Governour to have been regularly kept up by Mr. Cooke under Warehousekeeper. We have ask'd Mr. Cooke, concerning that Book, who diclares [*sic*] he knows nothing particular of the truth of it; but says it was kept up by several hands, and if any such thing appears in that Book it must have been alter'd or transcrib'd for that design by the Deputy Governour or his order as the Journals were by Mr. Sloper and Mr. Hubbards Account Current Books with the Merchants on the Credit Side of June was lately by Ensign Morgan which may be seen by the difference of the Hands tho' the Deputy Governour in the Consultation of the 18th. past declared that Book was as his Predecessor had left it the Deputy Governour owns now the Corges 107. 11 ps. was dashd out by his Consent and Cor 72. 17 ps. was reduced to ordinary, if so, why was not the Board acquainted with such alterations, and why not, as was always practisd, that Long Cloth Chinamanaickpollum should be Credited, and Long Cloth Debted, but as the truth appears so clear in my reasons sent up aforesaid, I need not say much on that head only refer Your Honour and Council to our General Letter of the 2d. September wherein the Deputy Governour setts forth that the Corges 72. 17 ps. of Long Cloth ordinary was brought in brown by the Merchants as such in the month of August and that that Quantity with some more brought in in several Months his Worship Charg'd together in the Books in December Cor 114. 6 ps. and gives this reason that he could not gett the price settled in the Country before and his Worship then made no mention of LCC reduc'd or of a medium price which last deceit I shall refer to Your Honour and Council for we here dont apprehend what the Deputy Governour means by any other price than what it was brought in at and passed the Consultation and for the Deputy Governour referring to Account Particulars sent up the 20th. of last month we never saw any such Account in Consultation nor knew of any such Account having been sent up as for this Cloth having been purchas'd with Current or Allumparra pagodas it differd nothing but the name at that time therefore serves only to preplex matters and as to the annual accots. the Deputy Governour mentions he and Gruarauze drew and was

sent up, there appears Long Cloth ordinary Corges 114. 6 p^{s}. as brought in by the Merchants in that specie, in the month of December, but as the Deputy Governour hints I sign'd that Account, I referr to his Honour for the reason of my Compliance therein.

The Long Cloth Chinamanaikpollum brought to Account in August at Pag^{s}. 42½ ℔ Corge, I shall take no further Notice of it, then, that Corges 72. 17 p^{s}. were reduc'd to Ordinary and its place fill'd up with M^{r}. Hubbards Cloth, charged to Account in June, and that when the Deputy Governour made the Alterations in the Month of December, he charged that Quantity Corges 110. 12. pieces, and which appears plainly in my reasons already sent up, as well as my Vouchers here.

I shall in like manner referr Your Honour and Council to my reasons concerning Corge 26 of Ordinary, as it appears there truely stated, but as to the Deputy Governour's saying he Order'd Gruarauze to bring the Books to me, seems not very likely; but if he did, Gruarauze Disobey'd his Worship, by carrying them to my Writer, and told him, it was the Deputy Governour's Orders to transcribe such leaves, who readily obey'd, thinking no ill of an order from the Deputy Governour, and indeed had the Books been brought to me I might not just then have inspected into them, not being preposses'd with any thought, that the Deputy Governour wou'd be guilty of doing an Action so obviously prejudicial to our Hoñble Masters Interest, and his own Credit.

The Long Cloth Chinamanaikpollum Corges 105. 3 pieces in September, charged, and pass'd in Consultation, at Pag^{s}. 42½, and afterward [*sic*] the leaves by the Deputy Governour ordered to be taken out of the Journals, Blanks were left, and fill'd up at pag^{s}. 48. 12, which as M^{r}. Sloper own'd to be his figuers in the Warehouse Journal, by the Deputy Governours Order, I shall say no more, but referr to Your Honour and Council.

I here enclose to Your Honour and Council, One set of Merchants Accounts being Nella Tombie &c^{a}. Delivered me the 5th. Instant, wherein Your Honour and Council will see the Confirmation of my Allegations, and will find the overcharge to be Pag^{s}. 2090. 28. 64 which are pagodas 549. 20. 38 more then the 3 Months that were altered; but as the Deputy Governour had taken Goods of these Merchants for his private Trade, to the Amount of Pag^{s}. 5397. 28. 64 so, as they requested Credit in the Company's Ballance for that summ, the Deputy Governour Credited them in January Pag^{s}. 3307. —. —. which with the sum of the overcharge, made up the summ he ow'd them, so that for Pag^{s}. 5397. 28. 64 his Worship ow'd them, his Worship only paid into the Cash Pag^{s}. 3307. —. — and the Overcharge of the Cloths answered the rest, as will appear by comparing the enclosed Merchants Accounts, with the enclos'd Copy of the Account the Deputy Governour sent Your Honour, and Council the 14th. of August.

As for Andeapah Modelary the other Companys Merchant, he has not Deliver'd in his Account, but if Your Honour and Council will please to give an order, I may find an overcharge there.

I am with the greatest respect

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
9TH. OCTOBER 1742.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient and Faithfull servant
EDWARD CROKE.

No. 108.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^. Gorge.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

M^r^. Croke having for some Days past had in readiness his Objections to the Deputy Gov^r's^. Defence transmitted to Your Honour &c^a^. the 7^th^. Instant, and finding the Deputy Governour's Indisposition continues so as that there is no probability of a Consultation, He likewise refusing to sign to a Letter for the transmitting of the enclos'd Papers to Your Honour &c^a^. We upon M^r^. Croke's insisting upon it take the Liberty herein to enclose his Objections to the Deputy Governour's Defence with the Merchants Accounts which we hope will meet with Your Honour &c^s^. approval.

We are with Respect

Fort S^t^. David
October 14^th^. 1742.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
" "
Edward Croke.
John Graham.
Robert Allen.
Charles Floyer.
William Holt.

To the Worship^ll^. Augustus Burton Esq^r^.
Deputy Governour &c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^. David.

Worsh^ll^. Sir & Sirs

Whereas the Deputy Governour Delivered in the 5^th^. Instant to the Secretary, to be forwarded to the Honourable President and Council, his Answer to the Charge exhibited in my reasons of the 18^th^. last month, I think it therefore incumbent upon me to lay before the Board, since the Deputy Governour now owns to have consented to the Alterations in such a manner, as he has thought proper to express in his Answer, that the Deputy Gov^r^. in a Consultation of the 18^th^. past deny'd, having any knowledge of any such Alteration, or Alterations or of permitting any by his Consent, notwithstanding M^r^. Sloper own'd the figures in the said Alterations before the Board, to have been his, by the Deputy Governour's Order, & I therefore now proceed to observe such Articles in vindication of the truth of my reasons, as seem any ways to detract from them, as follows.

The Deputy Governour owns to have consent'd to the Dashing out the Long Cloth Ordinary Corge 107. 11 pieces that was brought to Account by M^r^. Hubbard in June at Pag^s^. 41 ℔ Corge; and says Gruarauze told him some Days after his Arrival, which was the 22^d^. of August, that the Chinamanaikpollum Cloth brought to Account for June, was before his Worship came apart thereof sorted to Ordinary, and that he found it fact in looking over a sorting Book, that the Deputy Governour says he sent up to the Honourable President and Council of Fort S^t^. George, and asserts that the said Book was kept up regularly by M^r^. Thomas Cooke under Warehousekeeper, I assume therefore to say that the Washers must have been extraordinary expeditions [*sic*] in the curing of this cloth, seeing the Cloth was really brought in the 7^th^. of July, thô carried back to Account in the Books by M^r^. Hubbard for June, and considering there was about Corge 205 in all that Month sent to the Wash, but however, the Gentlemen here as well as my self and the Merchants, are sensible that the Corge 170. 11 peices was good Cloth and cou'd not have been reduc'd to Ordinary, and that there was no Long Cloth Chinamanaikpollum was sorted to Ordinary in those Months before his Worships Arrival. Indeed there was Corges 61 of Ordinary that was brought brown to Account in April, which when white, was sorted 12 Bales in July, and 31 Bales in August, and as for the Sorting

Book the Deputy Governour says was kept regularly by Mr. Cooke who declares he knows nothing particular of the truth of that Book, for that it was wrote by several hands, & as Gruarauze took that Book privately out of the Warehouse, if it produces any Long Cloth Chinamanaikpollum sorted to Ordinary in those Months before the Deputy Governour's Arrivals, it must have been transcribed, or alter'd for that design, as well as Mr. Hubbards Account Currant Book with the Merchants on the Credit side of June, and the Journals both were, as the Deputy Governour says he Consented to dashing out the Corge 107. 11 pieces, and reduc'd it to Corge 34. 14 pieces, the Corge 72. 17 pieces, was sorted to Ordinary, if so, why; was not Long Cloth Chinamanaikpollum Credited, and Long Cloth Ordinary Debted for that Quantity, as is usual, and always practis'd by his Worships Predecessor, but as the truth is so plainly laid down in my reasons aforesaid, I have no occasion to have recourse to these Arguments, Yet as the Deputy Govr. was pleas'd to write to the Honourable President and Council, I must make mention of it, that in a General Letter of the 2d. of September the Deputy Governour assur'd the Honourable President, & Council that Corge 72. 17 pieces was really Long Cloth Ordinary, and was brought in as such in the Month of August, and that, that Quantity with some more brought in in several Months his Worship charged altogether in the whole Corge 114. 6 pieces in the month of December and gives this reason that the Merchants could not settle the price before with the Weavers and at that time made no mention of Chinamanaikpollum Long Cloth reduc'd or of a Medium price which last I must referr to the Honble President and Council as not apprehending what the Deputy Governour means by any price than what the Cloth was brought in at and pass'd the Consultation as to the Account particulars the Deputy Governour referrs to sent the Honourable the President and Council the 20th. past the Gentlemen nor I never saw any such in Consultation nor ever knew any such Account being sent up unless his Worship means the Account Current Book of Mr. Hubbards as for this Cloth having been purchas'd with Current or Allumparra Pagodas it differd nothing but the name at that time, therefore serves only to perplex matters. The Annual Account, which the Deputy Governour sent up to the Honble President, and Council, and which he referrs to, plainly produces that Corge 114. 6 pieces as charged brown brought in by the Merchants in December.

The 110 Corges of Long Cloth Chinamanaikpollum brought in August at Pags. 42½ ℔ Corge, I shall take no further notice, since the Deputy Governour owns it was alter'd by his Consent, only as that Corge 72. 17 pieces was reduc'd out of it to Ordinary, and it's room filled up with Mr. Hubbards Long Cloth Chinamanaikpollum, brought to Account in June, that when the Deputy Governour made the Alterations the Month of December he charged that Quantity Corge 110 at Pags. 48. 12. which appears truly set forth in my reasons, and which I can prove by my Vouchers here.

The 26. Corge of Long Cloth Ordinary, as the Deputy Governour owns to be alter'd by his Consent, I shall only referr to my reasons, where it is truely laid down, as for the Deputy Governour saying he order'd Gruarauze to bring the Books to me, seems not very likely, but if did, Gruarauze disobey'd him, by carrying them to my Writer, telling him it was the Deputy Governour's Order to transcribe such Leaves, who readily obey'd, thinking no ill of an order from the Deputy Governour, and indeed had the Books been brought to me, I might not just then have inspected into them, as not being prepossess'd with any thought, that the Deputy Governour wou'd act contrary to our Honourable Master's Interest, and his own Credit.

Cor.

The 105. 3 Pieces brought in September charg'd and pass'd the Consultations at Pags. 42½ ℔ Corge as the Deputy Governour deny's that Alteration, I can prove the Leafs were taken out in both Journals by his Worship's Order to my Writer, who transcrib'd them, left Blanks in the Warehouse Journal, which were fill'd up by Mr. Sloper, as he own'd in Consultation at pags. 48. 12 ℔ Corge by the Deputy Governour's Order.

To confirm the Overcharge above exhibited I here deliver in the Merchants Accounts of Nella Tomby, Irshapah Chitty, and Shacup Tomby, wherein the Overcharge amounts to pag^{s}. 2090. 28. 64 and they informed me the Deputy Governour manag'd after the following manner, to make the Ballance appear right, and which appears in their Account the same. The Deputy Governour had taken Goods of the Merchants for his private Trade to the Amount of Pag^{s}. 5397. 28. 64, which summ the Merchants requested to have credit for in the Company's Ballance, his Worship accordingly Credited them in January by Cash paid in Pag^{s}. 3307, which with the Overcharge of Pag^{s}. 2090. 28. 64, makes the summ of Pag^{s}. 5397. 28. 64, which the Deputy Governour ow'd the Merchants.

I am with respect

FORT S^{T}. DAVID — WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRS

9TH. OCTOBER 1742. — Your most Obed^{t}. hum^{ble}. Servant

EDWARD CROKE.

No. 109.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

As nothing has happen'd Worth Your Notice since the Last I had the honour to write to you; this serves only to Cover the Journal Parcells and Cash Account for September. I am

MADDAPOLLAM — HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS,

7TH. OCTOBER 1742. — Your Most Obedient & Most hum^{ble}. Serv^{t}.

JOHN HALLYBURTON.

No. 110.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR

We find us obliged to give Your Honour our most hearty and most humble Thanks for the great Goodness and favour, Your Honour and the Council has shewn to us, in writing on our behalf to the Governour and Council at Calcutta about our Goods and money. According to this favour, we have received the Goods the 29th. of Sept^{r}.

———— last, and the same day a letter from the Governour Braddyl, in which 10. of Oct^{r}.

he advises us, that our Silver, being 2828 Ounces should be sold at the first opportunity, there shall be of disposing of it, and the Gentlemen of Madrass be advised and desired to pay us the Produce; as is to be seen in the Copy inclosed.

We shall with pacience expect the changing of the Money into Rupees, prevented through the disturbances which the Maratties cause in Bengall: but in case, that it could be done without confusion, that Your Honour and the Council could pay to us a sum, as the Produce of the silver probably will arise to, then we should have the satisfaction to give notice even in this Year to the Benefactors of the Mission in England and Germany, that not only the Goods, but also the money, were delivered in our hands. And if it should happen that the Produce of the silver should not amount to so much, as Your Honour and the Council should have Order'd to pay us, we shall be ready to refund to the Cash of the Company, what we had

received too much not having any right to ask this Favour, we leave it with Resignation to Your Honour's and the Councils good Will and Pleasure. And in case it be found practicable to do us this great favour, we beseech Your Honour humbly to give us first any advice thereof, that we may have time to look for an Opportunity to it's Conveying hither in the safest manner it shall be possible.

What measures the corresponding members of the Society shall take about the money that belongs to the Missions at Madrass and Cuddalore, is to us unknown but we know, that the Missionaries of both Missions should be very satisfied, if their Money should be paid to them in the same manner, And in this Case we beg leave to acquaint Your Honour, that having Mr. Isaac Hollis, a Gentleman at London, designed to the Mission of Tranquebar 438 Ounces, which are put up in a Chest marked E.M. N°. 13, in a Bag mark'd D.B.W. N°. 8, and we having been order'd from Germany, to deliver to the Mission at Cuddalore a sum of 110 Pound, we will leave to the Missionaries at Cuddalore the Produce of the aforesaid 438 Ounces to make up the said 110 Pound. As to the Overplus we will adjust the Accounts with the Missionaries at Cuddalore privately.

May the Lord bless Your Honour with all desirable prosperity. We remain with profound submission,

HONBLE SIR

Your most humble & most obedt. servants

TRANQUEBAR
OCTOBER THE 23 } 1742.
NOVEMBER YE. 3

NICHOLAS DAL.
MARTIN BOFFE.
GODFREY WILLIAM OBUCH.
JOHN CHRISTN. HEIDEBERG.
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TO THE REVD. MESSRS. NICHOLAS DAL
MARTIN BOFFE
GODFRIED WILLM. OBUCH
JOHN BALTH KOHLHOFF
JOHN PHILLIP FABRICIUS
AND DANIEL ZEGLIN.

REVEREND SIRS

I have received Your favour of the 21st. Aprill o.s. and am to advise you that the severall things sent You from Europe by the Kent Capt. William Robson came safe to this Place and were put into the Company's Warehouse, that my self in Conjunction with the rest of the Council here in Complyance with the desire of the President and Council of Fort St. George, have laden all of them on the Companys ship Sumatra now bound to Madrass excepting the Chest marked DMZ. said to contain 2828 oz. of forreign silver which You say You are not willing to hazard by Sea.

The Morattoes have sent a Numerous Army into this Province which has prevented my Changing this Money into Rupees I should most readily have done it had it been in my Power, as well from Your request as the desire of the President and Council of Fort St. George to me and the Council here, but the Mint being shutt up no one will purchase any Silver please to be perswaded the first Opportunity, there is of disposeing of it, it shall be sold of which You and the Gentlemen at Madrass shall be advised & they be desired to pay You the produce. I shall be well pleased on the Arrival of the two Protestant Missionaries You'l Expect will be sent to this place, to whom I shall give all the Assistance in My Power.

I am with great Respect

REVEREND SIRS

Your Most Obedient and most Humble Servant

CALCUTTA
2D. AUGUST 1742.

THOMAS BRADDYLL.

No. 111.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

This is to accompany Copys of the last Years Books of this Place, also to acknowledge the Receipt of the Stores sent me p^r^. Briggantine Essex which arriv'd here the 10^th^. Instant.

At the foot hereof is an Account of what Cloth is now at the Wash which would have been more if the badness of the Roads occasion'd by the excessive Rains that fell here some time ago, had not prevented the Merchants from bringing it in.

As Nothing material has occurr'd since my last of the 8^th^. Ultimo I have only to add that I am with all imaginable Respect

Ingeram
the 23^d^. October 1742.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t^. & Most hum^ble^. servant
Richard Prince.

Account Cloth at Nellepilly Godown.

Long Cloth Ordinary Ba^s^.	...	52
Long Cloth fine ...	...	13
Salempores Ordinary ...	...	2
Salempores fine ...	...	1
	Bales	68

No. 112.

To the Hoñble Richard Benyon Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

The Commissary & Provisional Deputy Governour came in here on Tuesday Evening, the next Morning was held a Consultation, and Your Honour &c^ts^. favour of the 29^th^. Ult^o^. with the Copy of the Extract of Your Consultation of the 18^th^. was read whereupon it was agreed to give M^r^. Burton notice we should be ready on Friday morning to receive what more he had to urge Personally or in writing to Invalidate M^r^. Croke's charge against him, Accordingly this morning he sent us a Bundle of Gruarauzes Cadjans & a Letter, which last being only Repetitions of, and References to what had passed before between Your Honour &c^a^. and this place on the subject. We resolved to draw out a statement of the several Articles wherein are the differences between M^r^. Croke's Accounts and his, and to require an Explicite answer to each to morrow morning, by this it must appear Evident to himself that the whole secret is discoverd (tho' we have not taken notice to him that the difference between what he credits the Merchants for money paid in by them & what they Credit themselves is the sum required to be Accounted for) that We hope he will not trouble your Honour &c^a^. or us any more with his evasions nor presume to shelter himself any longer under his Plea of a Medium price or any other as Frevolous pretence.

The Merchants were questioned how they came to sign to two Accounts wherein the Cloth is charged at different prices, they said they took no notice how the Cloth was prized in either, that the Ballance only concern'd them not what prices we might put upon the Cloth after 'twas taken in, and the Ballances agreeing they signed them both, they were then Orderd to read their Cadjans of all the Cloth brought in by them from August to December 1741 which being compared with a Copy of the Account last signed by M^r^. Croke and them, transmitted to Your Honour &c^a^. 14^th^.

October last and found to Agree in every Article, it was demanded of them if those prices were the true and real prices of those several species of Cloth to which they replying in the affirmative were dismissed.

The Bundle of Gruarauze's Cadjans above mentioned have not been translated, but We suppose are sent as Originals of that Fictitious Account first signed by the Merchants and Mr. Croke, and transmitted Your Honour &c^{a}. by Mr. Burton the 2^{d}. of September last.

We have not time to day to Copy the Papers that have passed between Us and Mr. Burton, but shall send them tomorrow with his answer to our Statement of differences and Mr. Croke's further report about Wrappers, after which We hope Your Honour &c^{a}. will have no further Trouble in this affair but to give Your decisive Judgement.

Mr. Croke begs pardon for giving Your Honour &c^{a}. so much trouble in referring to a Letter of the 2^{d}. September 1741, for there is no letter from hence of that date, it was the 2^{d}. of the last September he meant, but his thoughts being so intent on the Negotiations of 41 drew him inadvertantly into that mistake.

Upon the Commissary's Arrival the Cash was compared with the Cash Book and found to agree, the 5000 Pagodas likewise by Peons at the same time turned out right.

The Gunner has been charged to take care his people keep a strict watch over Cuddalore Barr that we may not lose the first opportunity of getting out the Sloop.

The Heads of the Right and Left hand Casts were called before the Board the 30th. Ult^{o}. and told Your Honour &c^{as}. Regulations concerning their Houses in each others streets, and how their Ceremoneys were in future to be performed, they seemed no ways dissatisfied with Your Honour &c^{as}. Orders, and Notes to the Purport thereof were affixed in the Usual places, since which we have heard nothing of them.

We cannot give Your Honour &c^{a}. any answer Yet concerning the Brown Cloth mentioned in Your letter of the 30th. September now lying in the Godown, & said to be very bad, We shall begin to look it over again tomorrow, and in a few days let you know what can be done with it, and shall in sorting always endeavour to give the Merchants full encouragement to bring in Cloth as far as We judge Our Honourable Masters Interest will permit of.

We shall the next month take care the Paddy deliver'd the Military & Peons be paid in Pagodas and hope by this means in a few months to reduce the Quantity of Fanams. We are

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient Servants

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
5TH. NOVEMBER 1742.

WILLIAM MONSON.
EDWARD CROKE.
JOHN GRAHAM.
ROBERT ALLEN.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT.

No. 113.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{T}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

We now send Your Honour &c^{a}. Copys of the several Papers promised Yesterday, with Mr. Burton's Reply to Our Queeres, We should have been well pleased to have found therein better proofs, or what might have given us a stronger presumption at least of his Inocence, bnt he seems at length to be driven out of all his Subterfuges,

and forced to rely wholly on the Validity of Gruarauzes Accounts, that the matter appears now brought to an Issue and to depend only on this single point, whether Credit shall be given to the Cadjans left by a Warehouse Conicoply who absconded at the commencement of the Enquiry, or to the declaration of the Negotiating Me chants themselves Viva Voce before the Board as advised of Yesterday, Thus, as M^r^. Burton tells us in his Letter he has nothing more to say, We hope we shall have finished what lay on our parts to Your Honour &c^as^. Satisfaction; The decision we must refer to Your Judgment and wait Your Resolution.

By M^r^. Croke's Report we find the Case of the Wrappers to be thus, What Cloth is Torn at the Washers is Generally wrote off from the first denomination and Carried to the Head of Wrappers at Thirty seven 37 Pagodas ℔ Corge, which are afterwards Examined and of such of them as will run the Length of a Sallampore without Holes, that part is Torn off and Transferr'd to that Head at the usual price of that Article. M^r^. Burton it seems caused the whole parcel of Wrappers to be looked over, and found among them as much as would make 78 Corge of Sallampores [with] holes; this he took from the bad Ends and allowed the [...] only of 37 ℔ Corge of Long Cloth, and afterwards introd[uced] the same into the Warehouse as New Sallampores a[t] [...] ℔ Corge, Charging Brokerage &c^a^. upon them, where[by] Company are wronged the difference, besides that the [...] Ends only remain as theirs, still at 37 Pag^s^. ℔ Corge [of] Long Cloth tho' most of them are in remnants fro[m] 1 to 20 Covids Each, how much M^r^. Burton Gain'd on [what] He tore into Moorees we cannot ascertain, as they were Exported on a Foreign Voyage nor can even Judge [of] but by Computation of the other.

We have not more to offer at present but that we are

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Obedient Servants

WILLIAM MONSON.
EDWARD CROKE.
JOHN GRAHAM.
ROBERT ALLEN.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT

FORT S^T^. DAVID
6^TH^. NOVEMBER 1742.

[TO THE] WORSHIPF^L^. WILLIAM MONSON ESQ^R^.
[PROVI]SIONAL DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &C^T^. COUNCIL [OF] FORT S^T^. DAVID.

WORSHIP^L^. SIR & SIRS

Whereas the Honourable President & Council have taken Notice in a former Letter that they have not understood perfectly the Affair of the Wrappers, and now in this last Letter directed for that Article to be enquir'd into, I therefore take the Liberty in Order to give Your Worship &c^a^. a thorough light into that Transaction, to explain it in the following manner, as it was really transacted.

When the Cloths came torn from the Wash, we usually write them off to Wrappers, unless some that we can darn, and as we had in the month of October, a pretty large Quantity by us, M^r^. Burton propos'd to me as the Cloth was of itself good, to separate the whole cloth from the Torn, and the former should be made into Salempores & Moorees, which as I said before the Cloth being extraordinary good, I approv'd of, and advis'd him to propose it in Consultation, in order that it should be done on the Company's Account, and which I told him would redown [*sic*] to his Reputation, but I found by his Discourse that my advice was not received so well as I could have wish'd and that, that manner of acting was not what he aim'd at yet in hopes of gaining upon him to adhere to my proposal of mentioning it in Consultation, I did not omit frequently hinting it to him, 'till I understood at length, that he

he had order'd the Cloth to be torn up, and in the month of December brought to
Cor Ps.
Account 78 Corge of Sallempores at 21 ℔ Corge, which he had made from 34. 13⅓ the whole Cloth taken from these torn Cloths and on which he gained Pags. 56. 14.
Cor Ps.
71 and in like manner from 14. 8¾ he had made Corges 57¾ Moorees, which thô the Cloth was very good, Yet the Gentlemen sorters rejected, as not fine enough for that Denomination which he exported for his private [. . .] upon this I intimated to Mr. Burton as he had taken [. . .] good Cloth from the torn in that manner, and by that [. . .] had invalid the remnants, and without mentioning [. . .] Consultation as I had advis'd, I desir'd to know what [. . .] do in this affair, who told me he would give me as good [. . .] he accordingly sent me some Musters, but so thin, and I could not accept them, he then told me he wou'd pay [for] and propos'd to me taking Allumparra Pagodas which [I] likewise told him I could not, since it was an order that [the] Company's Goods should be dispos'd of for Star Pagodas and that I could not dispose of them without an order, [which] if he had taken the torn Remnants with the good Cloth would amount to 37 Star Pagodas ℔ Corge, upon this Mr. Burton the 17th. July made a Report in my name requesting an order for the sale of a Quantity of Wrappers, by which he meant this good cloth taken from the torn, all which I acquainted his Honour before this Report was made, and since; therefore when I gave in my Reasons, by order of the Hoñble President & Council, for the Difference, between my, & the Merchants Accounts, I requested payment as Wrappers at star Pagodas 37 ℔ Corge, referring all other Demands on account of the torn Remnants being render'd invalid to the Honourable Governour & Council, and thô the Remnants were pretty much torn, we have been obliged to make use of them from December to the end of October, in the packing up of Bales, Armoury use &c. to the Amount of Corges
Cor Covs. Ps.
21. 10. 37 Remains in the Godown 10. 14. 3. this I hope will be sufficient to give Your Worship &c. a thorough understanding in regard to that Article, and am with Respect

Fort St. David — Worshipl. Sir & Sirs

5th. November 1742. — Your most Obedient Hum. Servant

Edward Croke.

To the Worshipfull William Monson Esqr.
Commissary and provisional Deputy Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshl. Sir & Sirs

According to Your order I received by the Secretary on Wednesday night the 3d. Instant, I shall now reply to Mr. Croke's second Paper, wherein he asserts

That I should have denyed at Consultation of the 18th. September when Mr. Croke first produc'd a charge against me of Dashing out of the Warehouse Accounts the several Articles therein mention'd. To which I can only reply, as that affair being transacted so long ago as last Year, and as I am not conscious to myself of prejudicing the Hoñble: Company it quite sliped my Memory: so heavy a charge and so suddenly and unknowingly started upon me, when I expected nothing further, than his producing the Deficiency of the Cloth in his Accounts with the Merchants, agreable to the General Letter of the Hoñble President & Council of the 8th. of September.

Mr. Croke says that the Deputy Governour assured the Hoñble President and
Cor Ps.
Council in a General Letter of the 2d. September that 72. 17 was really Longcloth Ordinary & was brought in as such in the month of August, I must therefore beg leave to insert here that Paragraph of our General Letter to the Hoñble Presidn

and Council. " We beg leave for the better explanation of the Merchants Accounts to " observe, that upon examination of them with our Books, we find that 72. 15 Cor Ps. of Long " cloth Ordinary was brought in and measur'd in the month of August, 18. 1. Cor Ps. in Octo- " ber, and 23. 10 Cor Ps. in December, Which different Numbers make 114. 6 and is not " brought to the Merchants credit 'till Decr. upon which the Merchants & Conicop- " leys were call'd in, and the reason demanded, why it was not brought to Account " before. the reason of this Delay, they declar'd to be that the Merchants at the time " of it's coming in had not received the prices from their Agents, and that the " Deputy Governour there order'd them to write to their Agents to beat down the " prices, as low as possible, for these reasons this Cloth was not brought to the " Merchant's Credit, 'till the Prices were known." As I never kept the Account of the Cloth in the manner set forth in Mr. Croke's Paper, I am therefore obliged to have recourse to what the Merchants declared themselves, as abovemention'd and at Consultation I suppose that Mr. Croke can inform Your Worship &ca. whether he regularly kept up those Accounts or from whom he had it and when; for it is very demonstrable that the Merchants Accounts and his are wide different. He further says that there was no difference at that time in the Exchange of Allumparra & Currant Pagodas, which I must beg leave to be referr'd to the Honble President & Council who purchased them.

The next four Paragraphs in Mr. Croke's Paper I have already answer'd in mine sent with our General Letter to the Honble President & Council of the 8th. of October, for I know nothing further concerning the Alteration in the prices, than by bringing the Cost of the Cloth into a Medium price one with another, given in and made up by Grua Rauz, when the Annual Account Currant was sent up, which the Merchants have often since acknowledged to be the same Account as theirs, wherein it seems lies the whole difference in the Prices from their late Account given Mr. Croke and sent up by the Council with their Letter of the 14th. of last month. It is impossible I presume that they should be deceived so long together as from the beginning of January to the 14th. October, and the very same account signed by them over again the 14th. of August, I must further observe that this Cloth came out cheaper than any brought in by them since.

In Mr. Croke's former Paper as well as this, says, that 105. 3 Cor Ps. brought in September charged at 42½ and alter'd to 48½ which he can prove by his Writers; but on my perusing the Merchants Accounts now given in by Mr. Croke and sent up to Fort St. George by the Council; it appears that 53. 10 Cor Ps. at 42½ and 51. 13 at 44. this does not altogether correspond as he has set forth in the said Papers.

In answer to his last charge I must beg leave to have recourse to a paragraph in our General Letter of the 14th. of August, " We are further to acquaint Your " Honour &c. that the stating the Accounts with the Merchants met with some " Difficulty, in relation to the Discount to be allowed on the Allumparra Pagoda; " concerning which the Merchts. desired to be heard at the Board. Upon their " being called in the Books were looked into, where it appear'd, that they had in " their Hands 13307 Allumparra Pagodas, on the 1st. January last, 3307 of which " they return'd at that time, in order to lower their Ballance, to be redeliver'd as " they wanted it on the same terms as the other which they themselves confessed. " This money was return'd them. One thousand on the 20th. of February, 2307 on " the 31st. of March, They likewise granted they had agreed at that time to Account " for the whole sum of 13307 Allumparra Pagodas at 20, or if they fell at 25 ℔ " Cent Discount, beyond which, they were not to be allowed. This is agreable to their several Receipts signed by them, and to the Cash Account I declare that I never transacted accounts with them in the manner set forth in Mr. Crokes Paper, either in Payments or Receipts.

As I have already said that I am entirely ignorant, and the Impossibility of my knowing any of those Accounts and the late accounts of the Prices of the Cloth given Mr. Croke by the Merchants, but what I have already set forth upon recollection, in my former answer. I must therefore beg leave to incert here a Paragraph of the Hoñble President & Council's Letter of the 23d. of August, and our Answer to it, only to shew Your Worship &ca. the Impropreity of the Merchants, and what they say are not to be rely'd on "The Merchants Accounts which You enclos'd are not "altogether the same as we wrote for, and will not answer our purpose, without we "have also from Your Warehousekeeper Copies of the monthly Accounts which "Your Merchants deliver'd him, when they brought in the Cloth, and the same was "measur'd and delivered to the Wash, and these Accounts must be sent us from the "1st. of May 1741 to the last of July 1742." An Answer to which in our General Letter of the 2d. of September. We are to acquaint Your Honr. & that the Warehousekeeper being asked for the Account of Cloth brought in measur'd and deliverd to the Wash from the 1st. of May 1741, to the last of July 1742, signed by himself and the Merchants. He deliver'd in a seperate account signed only by himself and the Merchants being asked to sign to that Account, they refused, as they said they knew nothing of it. at the same time the Warehousekeeper deliver'd in the Merchants own account, as he received it from them, which they have acknowledged & have signed, both which the Warehousekeeper desired might be sent up to Your Honour &ca.

I have from time to time asked the Merchants whether their Accounts differ'd from Grua Rauz's, they answer'd that it was the same as his, and declared to me that they often told M. Croke the same, both before, and after he had exhibited his Charge against me, and that they had signed to their several Accounts (to which they would abide) joyntly with the Warehousekeeper, and also to the Accounts, the latter end of July, according to the Hoñble President & Council's Order of the 6th. of August, which Accounts were transmitted to them with our General Letter of the 14th. of the said month.

So soon as the Consultation of the 18th. of Septr. was over, I order'd Grua Rauz the Warehouse Conicoply to bring me his Cadjans, which he did; and from which he gave me the Accounts, and the Annual Account Currant made up by him in January to be immediately transmitted to the Hoñble President & Council, which Cadjans I now deliver to Your Worship &ca.

I am

Fort St. David
5th. November 1742.

Worshr. Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant
Augustus Burton.

To Augustus Burton Esqr.

Sir

As you have declin'd to appear before the Board this morning, they judging Your Letter very insufficient, I am order'd to acquaint you that to prevent any further Correspondence of this Nature, they require You to give them personally or in writing to morrow morning, distinct and explicit answers to the Queeries set forth on the other side.

I am

Sir
Your most humble Servant
William Holt
Secry.

Fort St. David
5th. November 1742.

State of the Difference between the Accounts of Cloth sent to Madrass by Mr. Burton in the General Letter of the 14th. August 1742 and those now delivered us by the Merchants Vizt.

In the Accounts sent to Madrass by M. Burton the Merchants are credited for	Cor	Ps.		
Long Cloth Chemenk. Polliam.	539.	6	P. 25695. 17. 33	
Long Cloth Ordinary ..	114.	6	5086. 20. 69	
	653.	12		
To which add a Difference between the Accounts of ..	—	2		
makes	653.	14	Amounting to Ps.	30782. 2.22
Long Cloth Worriarpm ..	26	—	Ps.	1196 — —
	Cor			
Long Cloth Fine	37	—	Ps.	2271 31.34
	Cor			
Salamporfs Ordinry. ..	78	—	Ps.	1673.20.71

In the Accounts now delivered us by the Merchants they credit themselves for	Cor	Ps.			
Long Cloth Chemk. pm. ..	653.	14	Ps.	18821.7.16	
Overcharged in the Accounts sent up by Mr. Burton in this Article ..				..	1960.31.6
Long Cloth Ordinry. ..	26	—	Ps.	1053 — —	
Overcharged in the Accounts sent up by Mr. Burton in this Article ..				..	143 — —
			Overcharged in the whole		Ps. 2103.31.6
	Cor				
Long Cloth Fine	37		2281.22.76		
Undercharged in the Accounts sent up by Mr. Burton in this Article..				9.27.42	
	Cor				
Salampores Ordinry. ..	78		1677 — —		
Undercharged in the Accounts sent up by Mr. Burton in this Article..				3.15. 9	
				Undercharg'd in the whole	13. 6.51
					Ps. 2090.24.35
			To which add a small difference arising in making up the Accounts of the Allumparra Pagodas of		— 4.29
There remains in the whole overcharged to the Compy.					Ps. 2090.28.64

Cor ps.

Queere 1st. How comes the Company to be charged Pagods 1960.31.6 more for Cost of the 653.14 of Chem: Cloth in the Account sent up by you to the Honble President & Council, than what now deliver'd us in as the Cost by the Merchants.

Cor.

Queere 2d. How comes the Company to be charg [*sic*] P: 143. more for the Cost of the 26 — — of Worriarpollam Cloth in the Account sent up by you to the Honble President & Council, than what now deliver'd us in as the Cost by the Merchants.

To the Worshipll. William Monson Esqr.
Commissary and Provisional Deputy Governour &cr. Council of Fort Sr. David.

Worshl. Sir & Sirs

I received a Letter last night by Your Order from Mr. Secretary Holt, advising me the Paper I delivered in Yesterday at the Board, was insufficient; and in order to prevent any further Correspondence of this nature, I am Directed to Answer to the Queeres, annexed to the said Letter, distinctly Vizt.

Queere 1st. How comes the Company to be charged Pags. 1960.31.6 more for the Cost of the Cor 653.14 Chem; Cloth in the Account sent up by you to the Honble President and Council, than what now deliver'd us, by the Merchants.

Queere 2d. How comes the Company to be charged Pags. 143.— — more for cost of the 26 Corge of Worriarpollam Cloth in the Account sent up by you to the Honble President and Council than what now delivered us in as the Cost by the Merchants.

In answer to which I can only say, that the Accounts sent up to the Honble President and Council, were duely signed by the Warehousekeeper and Merchants, as I have already set forth in my former Paper, The first Account to the latter end of December, wherein it seems by those now given You by the Merchants, are the above mentioned differences. This was given me by Grua Rauze Warehouse Conicoply in the beginning of January, when he made up the Annual Account Current of the Cost of all the Cloth brought in by the Merchants, and adjusted with them, as they themselves then Confessed; and have repeated the same, after Mr. Croke's Charge was Exhibited against me at Consultation of the 18th. of September, when I took away Grua Rauzes Cadjans from him, which (as he said) he had given me that Account from; and the same was delivered Yesterday to Your Worship &cs. Therefore I can say no further to the Queeres but that I have never Defrauded the Honble Company nor suffered any other Person with my Consent to wrong them.

I am
Fort St. David
6th. November 1742.

Worshl. Sir & Sirs
Your Obedient Servant
Augustus Burton.

No. 114.

To the Honble Richard Benyon Esqr.
President & Governour &cr. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreable to an order of last Consultation the Warehousekeeper took from Andeapah an account of his part of the Investment, and this morning (being indispos'd himself) sent to the Board his Report, with a little Account Current of the Differences between the Account Andeapah has now signed and declared to be a just one, and that sent to Your Honour &ct. by Mr. Burton the 13th. August last.

We have not renewed our Correspondence with Mr. Burton upon this little matter of Allumparra Pagodas 68. 16. 63 as it arises in the same manner as the Difference in the other Merchants Accounts, and we suppose threfore after what he wrote us last, he would only referr us again to Grua Rauz's, nor did we think it necessary to take Notice to him of the Surcharge of Corges 2. 14ps. Worriarpollam as

it might be a mistake, and the Company will be no sufferers when it is wrote back in their Books to Andeapah's Head, Enclosed is Copy of the Warehousekeeper's Report and Accounts Currant abovemention'd, with Andeapah's Signed Account of the Investment.

This morning we finished the Sorting of the Brown Chimanaickpollam Cloth referr'd to in Your Favour of the 30th. September, and are heartily sorry we could take in no more of it with any hopes of Your Honour &c's Approbation, for we have accepted of only 246 Peices out of 1732; The whole upon revisal was extreamly bad, and of the little that was taken in in sorting, the Major part even of that was afterwards rejected for short measure, either in Length or Breadth, and generally in both, and yet charged at 45 Pagodas ℔ Corge. The Merchants don't so much as talk now of carrying this parcel to the French, nor indeed need we wish those Competitors of Ours better success than for them to buy such Cloth at such a price Andeapah's Worriarpollam turns out but little better, However they promise to be more carefull in correcting the Defect of measurage for the Future, and to get the Fabrick mended as much as possible; We think they may, and beleive they will in some Degree do both, but we know there is too little dependance to be had on their Words to expect they will do either to the extent of our Wishes.

Ensign Karr died the 28th. of last month if Your Honour &ca. have no particular person in view whom you shall be pleas'd to appoint to fill up this vacancy, We take the Liberty to recommend Serjeant Andrew Petty.

Enclosed are our Accounts of Expences for September, with Consultations & Cash Account for last Month Ballance whereof is in Star Pagodas, Fanams & Cash Nine thousand nine hundred & seven Pagodas, thirty Fanams & forty Cash 9907. 30. 40, We are with Respect

FORT ST. DAVID
10TH. NOVEMBER 1742.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Obedient Servants
WILLIAM MONSON.
EDWARD CROKE.
JOHN GRAHAM.
ROBERT ALLEN.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT.

LIST OF CLOTH ON HAND.

at the Washers	...	103	
at the Beaters	...	15	
at the dyers	...	26	
		—	144
Embaled ...	...		212
		Bales	356

TO THE WORSHIPL. WILLIAM MONSON ESQR.
COMMISSARY [AND] PROVISIONAL DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSHL. SIR & SIRS

Whereas Andeapah Modellary, by order of last Consultation, has deliver'd in his Accounts to me, and desired I may Explain two Articles therein, for Your Worship's &ca. better understanding; I take the liberty therefore in the following manner.

The Pags. 68. 16. 63 Andeapah has Credited himself for in December in his Account, is for that sum Mr. Burton overcharg'd in the prices of Long Cloth Chinnamanaickpollam 8. 14 Cor. ps. brought in October, at Pags. 44 ℔ Corge which he

charg'd the Company at Pagodas 47. 15. 70 & for Cor. ps. 13. 1 brought in December, at 3 prices, the Medium of which is Pags. 44. 17. 47 which he charg'd the Company Pags. 47. 15 70 ℔ Corge, the Amount of these overcharges appear more clear, by the Accompanying account currant, & which Mr. Burton deducted from goods sold for his private trade.

The Next Article being the Difference of the Ballance in Andeapahs Account Amounting to Pags. 105. 10. 64 Due to the Company, more than Mr. Burtons Ballance sent up to the precidency; proceeds from this, that Mr. Burton has charg'd the Company for Long Cloth Worriarpollam Cor. ps 2. 14 more then was brought in as appears In January; being charg'd Long Cloth Worriarpollam Cor. ps. 10. 14 and the Merchants brought in but 8 Corge these being the chief Differences appearing in his Account, I referr to Your Worship &cs. and remain with respect

Fort St. David — Worshipl. Sir & Sirs

8th. November 1742. — Your Most Obedient Servant
Edward Croke.

ACCOUNT OF THE HONOURABLE COMPANYS INVESTMENT GIVEN IN BY ANDRAPAH MOODELLARRE THE 6TH. OF NOVEMBER 1742 & IS COMMENCING FROM PRIMO SEPTR. 1741 TO ULTO. JULY 1742.

			Star Pa. fs. Cs.	Allumb. P. fs. Cs.
1741				
Septr. 19	..	To Cash advanc'd him	..	2000 — —
October 19	..	To Ditto	..	1000 — —
Novr. 21	..	To Ditto .. .. .. P. 2000 — — ..		
30	..	To Ditto .. .. .. 2000 — — ..		
			..	4000 — —
Decr. 31	..	To Ditto	2000 — —	
		To Land Custom and Dustore 2½ on Blue Cloth	10 12 48	
Janry. 11	..	To Cash Advanc'd him	2000 — —	
Febry. 15	..	To Ditto	2000 — —	
June 1	..	To Ditto	2000 — —	
July 1	..	To Ditto	4000 — —	
		Star & Allumb. Pags. Carried over ..	12010 12 48	7000 — —

ACCOUNT CLOTH BROUGHT IN BY HIM OF THE HONOURABLE COMPANY'S INVESTMENT FROM PRIMO OCTOBER 1741 TO ULTIMO JULY 1742.

		Cor. ps.	Star Pa. fs. Cs.	Allumb P. fs. Cs.
Octor. 31.	By Long Cloth Fine 1st. Sort.	5 8 at 62 9 ℔ Cor.	336 5 32	
	Brokerage at P. 1. 27 ℔			
	Corge	..	9 16 16	.. 345 21 48
	By Long Cloth Worriarpollam	7 7 @ 44 —	323 14 32	
	Brokerage at P. 1 ℔			
	Corge	..	7 12 48	.. 330 27 —
	By Long Cloth Chinnamaniokpm.	8 14 @ 44 —	382 28 64	
	Brokerage at P. 1 ℔			
	Corge	..	8 25 16	.. 321 18 —
Novr. 30.	By Long Cloth Fine 1st. Sort.	12 13 @ 62 9	787 16 52	
	Brokerage at P. 1 27 ℔			
	Corge	..	22 4 76	.. 809 21 48
	By Long Cloth Worriarpollam	10 12 @ 44 18	471 25 16	
	Brokerage at P. 1 ℔			
	Corge	..	10 21 48	.. 482 10 64
	By Soot Romalls	6 1 @ 13 —	78 23 32	
	Brokerage at fan. 9 ℔			
	Corge	..	1 18 36	.. 80 5 68
Decr. 31.	By Long Cloth Fine 1st. Sort	30 4 @ 62 9	1879 34 16	
	Brokerage at P. 1. 27 ℔			
	Corge	..	52 30 48	.. 1932 28 64
	By Long Cloth Chinnamaniokpm.	7 6 @ 44 —	321 7 16	
	Ditto	3 15 @ 42 18	159 13 40	
	Ditto	2 — @ 50 —	100 — —	
		13 1	580 20 56	
	Brokerage at P. 1 ℔			
	Corge	..	13 1 64	.. 593 22 40
	By Long Cloth Worriarpollam	23 10 @ 45 —	1057 18 —	
	Brokerage at P. 1 ℔			
	Corge	..	23 18 —	.. 1081 — —
	By Soot Romalls	33 19 @ 13 9	449 30 12	
	Brokerage at fa. 9 ℔			
	Corge	..	8 17 44	.. 458 11 56
	By Long Cloth Midling Blue.	12 — @ 37 12	448 — —	
	Brokerage at P. 1 ℔			
	Corge	..	12 — —	
	Dyeing, Congr. &c. at P. 12 ℔ Corge ..	..	144 — —	604 — —
	By an overcharge made by Augustus Burton Esqr. in the Prices of LCC 21 15 in the Months of October & Decr. the Amount of which he deducted from goods sold him for his private use being.	Cor. ps. ..	..	.. 68 16 63
			604 — —	6574 4 51

ACCOUNT OF THE HONOURABLE COMPANYS INVESTMENT GIVEN IN BY ANDR[A]PAH MOODELLARER THE 6[TH]. OF NOVEMBER 1742 & IS COMMENCING FROM PRIMO SEPT[R]. 1741 TO U[LT]O. JULY 1742—*cont.*

	Star Pa. fa. Ca.	Allum P. fa. Ca
Star & Allumb Pag[t]. Brough[t] Over ..	12010 12 48	7000 — —
Star & Allum. Pag[t] ..	12010 12 48	7000 — —

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ACCOUNT CLOTH BROUGHT IN BY HIM OF THE HONOURABLE COMPANY'S INVESTMENT FROM PRIMO OCTOBER 1741 TO ULTIMO JULY 1742—*cont.*

					Star Pa. fa. Cs.	Allum P. fa. Cs.
			Brought over ..		604 — —	6574 4 51
1741/2						
Jan[y]. 31	By Long Cloth Fine	6.13 @ 62 9 —	413 34 52			
	Brokerage at P. 1.27 ℙ Corge.	..	11 22 76			
				..		425 21 48
	By Long Cloth Worriarpollam.	8 — @ 38 — —	304 — —			
	Brokerage at P. 1 ℙ Corge.	..	8 — —			
				312 — —		
	By Cash paid by him the Ballance of Allumbrum Pagodas			..		.. 9 61
Feb[y]. 28	By Long Cloth fine	4.15 @ 50 33 32	241 32 50			
	Brokerage at P. 1.2 ℙ Corge	..	8 11 20			
				250 7 70		..
	By Long Cloth Chinnamanaick-p[m].	2 2 @ 37 28 —	79 12 —			
	Brokerage at P. 1 ℙ Corge	..	2 3 48			
				81 15 48		..
	By Long Cloth Worriarpollam.	3 3 @ 40 — —	126 — —			
	Brokerage at P. 1 ℙ Corge.	..	3 5 32			
				129 5 32		..
1742 May 31	By Long Cloth Chinnamanaick-p[m].	Cor. pa. 1 — — — —	42 18 —			
	Brokerage	..	1 — —			
				43 18 —		..
	By Long Cloth Worriarpollam.	17 8 @ 41 ℙ Cor.	713 14 32			
	Brokerage at P. 1 ℙ Corge.	..	17 14 32			
				730 28 64		..
	By Soot Romalls	48 — @ 11 18 —	552 — —			
	Brokerage at fan[t]. 9 ℙ Corge	..	12 — —			
				564 — —		..
June 30	By Long Cloth Chemmanaick-p[m].	1 2 @ 42 18 —	46 27 —			
	Brokerage at P. 1 ℙ Corge	..	1 3 48			
				47 30 48		..
	By Long Cloth Worriarpollam.	22 8 @ 42 — —	940 28 64			
	Brokerage at P. 1 ℙ Corge.	..	22 14 32			
				963 7 16		..
	By Soot Romalls	16 — @ 11 18 —	184 — —			
	Brokerage at fan[t]. 9 ℙ Corge	..	4 — —			
				188 — —		..
July 31	By Long Cloth Fine 1[st]. Sort ..	13 14 @ 63 32 47	875 18 —			
	Brokerage at P. 1 ℙ Corge.	..	23 35 8			
				899 17 8		..
	By Long Cloth Worriarpollam.	14 19 @ 43 — —	632 30 48			
	Brokerage at P. 1 ℙ Corge.	..	14 34 16			
				657 28 64		..
	By Soot Romalls	48 — @ 11 18 —	460 — —			
	Brokerage at fa[t]. 9 ℙ Corge.	..	10 — —			
				470 — —		..
					5941 15 30	7000 — —
	By Ballance due from him ..	..	..		6068 33 18	..
			Star & Allum. Pagodas ..		12010 12 48	7000 — —

NOVEMBER THE 8[TH]. 1742.
EXCEPTED.
TRICUM PULLA GOMASTAN
FOR
PANDARUM MOODELLARE.

ACCOUNT OF CLOTH CHARG'D IN ANDRAPAHS ACCOUNT CURRENT.

1741

		Cor. ps.				
Octor.	To Long Cloth Chinnamanaick pollam	8 14 @ 44 — — ℔ Corge	382	28	64
Decr.	To Ditto.	13 1 @ 44 17 47	580	20	56
			963	13	40
	To an overcharge due from Mr. Burton ..		68	16	63
	Allum. Pags. ..		1031	30	23

ACCOUNT OF CLOTH CHARGED IN THE BOOKS BY MR. BURTON.

		Cor. ps.			
Octor.	By Long Cloth Chinnamanaickpollam	8 14 @ 4[7] 15 70 ℔ Corge.	412	26	41
Decr.	By Ditto.	13 1 @ [47] [15] 70	619	3	62
	Allum. Pags. ..		1031	30	23

FORT ST. DAVID NOVR. 8TH. 1742.
EDWARD CROKE.
Warehouse Kr.

No. 115.

To the Honble Richard Benyon Esqr.
President & Governour &c. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We last night received Your Honour &ct. Favour of the 11th. Instant and immediately set about drawing out the Queries agreable thereto to which We added another concerning the small difference in Andeapah's Account and sent them early this morning to Mr. Burton; We are sorry our not being particular enough before should so prolong the Enquiry and keep Your Judgement in Suspence.

By the last months Cash Your Honour &ct. will observe to what amount the Fanams are swollen which is occasion'd by the Warehousekeeper's large Payments for Paddy sold of late in the Buzar, it grew a little old and began to decay that it was thought for the Company's Interest to dispose of part of it in these two or three months while a proffit offer'd upon it, even thô the Payments would be in Fanams.

The Commissary & Provisional Deputy Governour acquainted us Yesterday that Andeapah had applyed to him for relief in a Case that he was not in a Capacity to Judge of himself, and had therefore Call'd us together to consider what was the most proper measures to be taken, Andeapah's Complaint he told us was that while he was at Porto Novo his servant Tricumpilla by his Order had applyed to Mr. Burton for 3000 Pagodas to carry on the Investment for which he had sign'd a Receipt but Mr. Burton had not given him the money; this appearing to us a Case of the most extraordinary Nature We resolv'd to hear it from the Mouths of Andeapah himself, and his servant with all it's Circumstances, copy of whose Narrative which they declare to be true in every point We take the Liberty to transmit to Your Hononour [*sic*] &ca. for Your Consideration it being a matter beyond our Powers to judge determinatelly upon, and at the same time to inform Your Honr. &ca. that Andeapah hopes from Your Justice he shall not be subject to any Loss, nor to any trouble, by Your Favour, from this Management of Your late Deputy Governour and if We might have leave to offer our opinion on the subject we should assure Your Honr. &ca. We do not beleive Andeapah had the least Design to lend Mr. Burton the Money, According to the Tenour of the Note or on any other Terms, of which his Complaint to Coja Petruss is in some Measure a Testimony. Andeapah is a Person from whom we expect a considerable part of the Investment and is a man in so good Circumstances and of so much Credit & Estimation in the Country that if he should from any Dissatisfaction at Your Honour &c's. Resolution in this Affair decline engaging in our Investment We know not how to supply his place with one so trust worthy, and able to serve us, besides the Danger of his transferring his Influence to the service of our watchfull Neighbours. We beg pardon for giving our Opinion thus freely unask'd, but as our only concern herein is our Duty to our Honble Masters & regard for their Interest we flatter ourselves we shall not fail of obtaining it, and are with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your obedient Servants

William Monson.
Edward Croke.
John Graham.
Robert Allen.
Charles Floyer.
William Holt.

Fort St. David
14th. November 1742.

THE DECLARATIONS OF ANDEAPAH'S CONICOPLY TRECOMPILLA AND ANDEAPAH HIMSELF, RELATING TO THE PAGODAS 3000 SAID TO BE ADVANC'D ANDEAPAH BY M^R. BURTON.

TRECOMPILLA Declares that by his Masters orders who was at that Time at Porto Novo he waited on M^r. Burton at the Garden House the 12^th. of September last to desire an advance of P^s. 3000 towards carrying on the Company's Investment, the Receipt Book being there, M^r. Burton desir'd he would then sign a Receipt for the Money, and he would come to the Fort the next morning and pay it him, he accordingly sign'd the Receipt without any hesitation, it being a customary thing and what he had often done before M^r. Burton accordingly came to the Fort the next morning, when he presented himself before him in expectation of having the money paid him, but to his surprise M^r. Burton return'd to the Garden House without taking the least notice of him. Upon which he waited upon him in the Evening, and ask'd him for the money, who promis'd it him the next morning, but then omitted coming to the Fort; whereupon he waited on him again, but was put off by him, as he was successively for 4 or 5 Days more with one excuse or other, when M^r. Burton being taken ill, kept his Chamber for 3 days, during which time he had no opportunity of seeing him, but so soon as he came abroad again, sent his servant to call the said Trecompilla, who accordingly went, and on seeing M^r. Burton complain'd to him, of his not having received the money though it was twelve Days from the time of his having signed the Receipt for it, and desir'd it might be then paid to him, or his receipt be cancel'd. M^r. Burton replied that his illness made him incapable to go to the Fort, to get him the money, but to make him easy would give him a Note for it, which he accordingly did, the Contents of which Note he learn'd from Young Grua Rauz (who reads english) was to certifie that M^r. Burton had not paid him the 3000 Pagodas for which he had signed the Receipt Which was all the transactions he had with M^r. Burton 'till the Arrival of Andeapah himself from Porto Novo which was a little after this.

ANDEAPAH Declares, that about 6 or 7 Days after his Arrival from Porto Novo M^r. Burton sent for him, and told him of his Conicoply's having sign'd a Receipt for 3000 Pagodas and desir'd he would lend him that money, who replied, he was a stranger to the Affair, but would enquire of his Conicoply and then let him know his Resolution. Upon this M^r. Burton deliver'd him a Note which he now produces, copy of which is enter'd hereafter He then took his leave of M^r. Burton, and went home, when he sent for his Conicoply and said to him, I understand You have sign'd a Receipt for 3000 Pagodas, and not received the money, but instead of it, You have got one Note given You and I another, what is the meaning of all this. Upon which the Conicoply told him the whole story as above, who having been sick from the time of his Master's Arrival, was the reason of his not having done it before, upon this he was angry with his Conicoply and sent him away immediately to M^r. Burton for the Money, or else to see his Receipt cancel'd, and gave him at the same time M^r. Burton's two Notes.

TRECOMPILLA says he accordingly waited on M^r. Burton with the Message, and deliver'd him up at the same time his two Notes, upon his receiving them, he tore the first which had been given to himself, but redeliver'd him the other to carry back telling him at the same time that he had already talk'd with his Master about the Affair; that he (Trecompilla) kept the Note, but replied to M^r. Burton that his Master having given him positive orders not to return without the Money, or seeing his Receipt cancel'd, he did not dare to do it, 'till the one or the other was complied with when M^r. Burton left him, and that he continued for eight Days after this in and about the Gardens, when his Master sent for him away.

ANDEAPAH says further, that during his Conicoply's stay at the Gardens, he wrote to Coja Petrus Complaining of his Treatment, who in answer, desir'd he would be easy for a little while, for that M^r. Monson would shortly come down, who, he did not doubt but would do him all the Justice in his power, whereupon he sent for his

Conicoply from the Gardens. And says further that he never had any design of lending that Money to Mr. Burton, nor knew what the Contents of the Note were except the 3000 Pagodas in Figures 'till after he made his complaint to Mr. Monson.

A Copy of a note given to Andeapah.

Received of Andeapah the sum of three thousand Pagodas for which I make over to him for security my concerns on board the Fanny Brigantine to Malacca & to the Eastward Capt. Andrew Munroe Commander, the said sum to run on Interest as usual. Witness my hand in Fort St. David, this twenty eighth of September One thousand seven hundred & Forty two.

Augustus Burton.

Pags. 3000

No. 116.

To the Honble Richd. Benyon Esqr.
President & Govr. &cA. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last inform'd your Honours &ca. we had sent Mr. Burton the Queerees agreeable to your directions; on the 17th. he return'd his answers which being such as we beleived would not be satisfactory to you, We agreed to draw out a few more and accordingly on the 20th. offer'd them to him to which he reply'd last night in a manner that we apprehend your Honr. &cn. will think it unnecessary to Proceed any longer in this way of Interrogatory here; Copies of all these Papers come inclosed with Mr. Crooks Remarks on or Reply to that Part of the answer of the 17th. Concerning Wrappers wherein Mr. Burton has Mention'd him and a Letter Produc'd by Mr. Croke on the occasion, also translate of some Cadjans Mr. Burton sent us of Trecompilla Andeapah's servts. writing who being ask'd how he came to give those Accounts said Mr. Burtons Conicoply called him one day in the Gardens and bid him write some accounts which he did according as the Concoply [*sic*] dictated to him without asking any Questions.

Messrs. Allen and Holt waited on Mr. Burton to day enclosed is their Report of what passed between them, and him and Andeapah, relating to the 3000 Pagodas with a Copy of an Assignment which Mr. Burton has Executed.

Thirty Peons Came in last Night with ten Thousand 10000 Pagodas, and we request your honours &ca. will be pleas'd to send us as much more next Week.

We are with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Obedient Servants
William Monson &[cA.]

Fort St. David
Novr. 23d. 1742.

To Augustus Burton Esqr.

Sir

I am order'd by the Commissary and provisional Deputy Governour &ca. Council to acquaint you they think your answer to the former so general as not to give them the light they desire and that they require you therefore to be more particular in your Answers to the following Viz.

WHY in the Account of Cloth brought in by the Merchants w^ch. you say had been kept by you in the same manner as it had been kept in M^r. Hubbards time without any Material difference that you knew of and to which you referr as a proof that the Company had not been overcharged for it Notwithstanding the alteration in the Books. Why in the said Account of Cloth did you charge it in Sept^r. at 46½, 49, 49¾, 50 & 51 Pagodas ℔ Corge when the 19^th. of the same M^o. You wrote to Fort S^t. George it Cost but 42½ P^s. ℔ Corge? and

WHY in the month of Oct^r. did you charge some of the Cloth at 51 and the rest at 52 Pagodas ℔ Corge after having wrote the 4^th. of that Month that by reason of the fall of Allumparra Pagodas it would amount to 44 & in the 22^d. said that what the Merchants had brought in at that rate was such vile stuff and not above 8 Cauls, that you and the sorters turn'd out every peice. Why in Dec^r. did you charge it at 52¼.

The prices in the accounts deliver'd by the Merchants to M^r. Croke and since to the Board (which they declare to be the true prices and the only prices they ever gave) corresponding with your Letters.

WHY does your Account differ from both.

WHETHER you did not in or before the Month of January last buy Sundrie Goods of Nella Tomby &c^a. Merchants amounting to Pagodas 5397. fa 28. ca 64.

How did you pay for the same.

WHETHER you did not promise to pay the said Sum into the Company's Cash in part of their Ballance, but paying in no more than P^s. 3307.

How did you make good the Remainder being P^s. 2090. 28. 64.

WHY in Andeapah's Account of October 1741 did you charge in the Books Chemanaickpollam

Co.	p^s.									
8	14 at 47.	15.	70 ℔ Co...	Pagodas	412	26	41			
in December Ditto										
13	1 at 47.	15.	70 ℔ C^o...		619	3	62			
								1031	30	23
Whereas Andeapah in his Accounts (which he declares to the board to be the true and only prices he ever gave charges Chemanaickpollam										
Co.	p^s.	p^s.								
8	14 at 44	℔ C^o	.. ..	Pagodas	382	28	64			
Ditto										
13	1 at 44	17	47		580	20	56			
								963	13	40
							Overcharged Pagod^s.	68	16	63 &

WHETHER you did not adjust that difference with Andeapah in private Trade?

WHY did you take from the long Cloth Wrappers 49920 Covids or

Cor.	p^s.					
34	13 of the best ends allowing the Company only 37 8^r. P^s. ℔ Corge in .. .. .. and return the same as Sallampores	Cor. 78 at 20.	34. 34		P^s. 1282	24 —
	Allumparra Pag^s. ℔ Cor is Allump^r. Pagodas at 125 ℔ 100 Stars is 8 Pagodas ..			1307	29	71
	Brokerage therein charg'd by you Allump	p^s. 39 is 8 P		31	9	—
					1339	2 71

Why did you being in Chief Trust thus charge the Company in this Transaction to their Loss Ps. 56. 14. 71 besides leaving the short Remnants in the Godown.

How did you dispose of the Remainder of those Wrappers torn into moorees and at what rate.

I am

Fort St. David — Sir

Novemb^r. 14th. 1742. — Your most humble servant

William Holt
Secry.

To the Worshipfull William Monson Esq^r.
Commissary & Provisional Dep^ty. Gov^r. of Fort St. David &c^a. Council.

Worshipfull Sir & Sirs

I received by your Order M^r. Secry. Holt's Letter of the 14th. advising that my former answers was so general, as not to give you the sight you desire and that you require me to be more particular to the following questions Viz^t.

Why in the Account of Cloth brought in by the Merchants which you say had been kept up by you in the same manner as it had been kept in M^r. Hubbard's time without any Material Difference that you knew of, and to which you refer as a proof that the Company had not been overcharged for it notwithstand^g. the alteration in the Books Why in the said Account of Cloth did you charge it in Sept^r. at 46½, 49, 49¾, 50 & 51 Pag^s. ℔ Corge when the 19th. of the same Month you wrote to Fort St. George it cost but 42½ Pa^s. ℔ Corge.

In answer to what was wrote as abovemention'd the 20th. Sept^r. last was a Mistake in saying that the Accounts was kept up in the same manner as M^r. Hubbard's without any Material difference, for I received no Perticular Account of the Prices of the Cloth but what was given me by Grua Rauz after he gave me the Annual Acco^ts. Current. What was wrote in our general Letter of the 19th. Sept^r. last Year " that they would bring in Cloth to the amount of the Ballance remaining " in their Hands at 42½ and better than what they have brought in lately in order to " be Advanced in future only Star Pagodas for the Provision of any sort of Cloth " whatever." As this offer of theirs not being comply'd with by the Honourable President & Council the Merchants told me that in purchasing the Cloth they must be solely guided by the Judgment or Caprice of the Shroffs in the Country who lower'd or rais'd the Coin, as they thought proper and on which we must depend for the prices of the Cloth from which I concluded the above prices that Grua Rauz gave me to be the same as he had received from the Merch^ts.

Why in the Month of October, did you charge some of the Cloth at 51 and the rest at 52 Pag^s. ℔ Corge After having wrote the 4th. of that Month, that by Reason of the fall of Allump^r. Pag^s. it would amount to 44 and in the 22^d. said that what the Merchants had brought in at that rate, was such vile stuff and not above 8 Cauls that you and the Sorters turn'd out every peice. Why in December did you charge it at 52¼.

To which I can only reply as I have done in my former Papers, that the Merchants never gave me the Account of the Cloth and their excuse was that they had not received the Prices from their agents. The Account was given me by Grua Rauz, and as he had put the Medium price one with another, by which I concluded on reducing the Discount from 20 to 25 ℔ Cent upon Allump^r. Pagodas, that this Cloth came out cheaper than any brought in by the Merchants before. The Cloth that was turn'd [out] by the sorters, I order'd Grua Rauz to take from the Merchants hands at the cheapest rate he could, and to dye it, a[nd] upon the sale of it, I credited

their accounts 3307 Pagodas the above price of the Cloth in December at 52¼ was wh[at] brought in by the Merchants since and given me by Grua Rauz after the annual Account Current was made up.

THE Prices in the Accounts deliverd by the Merchants to M^r. Cr[oke] and since to the Board (which they declare to be [the] true prices and the only Ones they ever gave) co[nsistent] with your Letter.

WHY does your Account differ from both.

As I never received any accounts from them I can therefore make no other reply to this question than what I have said in my former Papers: that they have acknowledged from time to time that their Acco^ts. agreed with Grua Rauz's accounts which from the account they gave M^r. Croke and transmitted to the Honble President & Council the 14^th. of last month & since to the Board differs from what they have often told me, & from the Account they gave Grua Rauz in the begining of January I never knew that they had or gave M^r. Croke such an Account, but 'till the same was offer'd by him to be sent up to Fort S^t. George last month & as for the Letters Corresponding with their Account it is what they told me at that time which I did not compare with those accounts delivered me by Grua Rauz, as they having told me that the Debaseness of the Coin occasion'd the Cloth to raise in it's prices daily which made me suppose that the Acco^ts. given me by Grua Rauz, were right.

WHETHER you did not in or before the month of Janry last buy Sund^y. goods of Nella Tomby &c^a. Merchants amounting to P^s. 5397. 28. 64. and

How did you pay for the same.

I bought Sundry goods from Merchants at Several times before the month of January, but never had any dealings with them amounting to the sum of Pagodas 5397. 28. 64. the Accounts I had with them was transacted, paid and adjusted by Grua Rauz.

WHETHER you did not Promise to pay the said Sum into the Companys Cash in part of their Ballance but paying in no more than P^s. 3307.

I never promised to pay the said sum of P^s. 5397. 28. 64. into the Company's Cash in part of their Ballance But the sum of Pag^s. 3307 I credited them to reduce their Ballance they having acknowledged that Sum to have been paid in by them as I have already set forth in my former Paper.

How did you make good the Remainder being P^s. 2090. 28. 64.

I know nothing of the sum of P^s. 2090. 28. 64 the accounts I had with them was transacted paid and adjusted by Grua Rauz.

WHY in Andeapah's Account of Octo^r. 1741 did you charge in the Books Chemanaickp^m. Cloth

	Cor. Ps.		
	8 14 at 47. 15. 70 ℔ Cor	412 26 41	
In December ditto.	13 1 at 47. 15. 70	619 3 62	
			1031 30 23

Whereas Andeapah's Account (which he declares to the Board to be the true and only prices he ever gave Charges

	Cor. Ps.		
Chemanaickp^m.	8 14 at 44 ..	382 28 64	
Ditto.	13 1 at 44. 17. 47 ..	580 20 56	
			963 13 40
		Overcharged	68 16 63

I never knew any thing of this overcharge of P^s. 68. 16. 63 and must therefore beg leave to send you Grua Rauz's Cadjans herewith deliver'd me by him after Consultation of the 18^th. September from which he gave me Andeapah's Account last January, sometime in October I sent for Andeapah's Conicoply to bring me his

Cadians [*sic*], which he accordingly did from which he had adjusted Accounts with Grua Rauz to the begining of January; which Cadjans I likewise send to your Worship &c[a].

WHETHER you did not adjust that difference with Andeapah in Private Trade.

I never adjusted that difference with Andeapah in private Trade, as I can prove by my Boo[ks] Whatever Accounts has been pas'd between us, were always adjusted by Grua Rauz & his Conicoply.

WHY did you tare from the Long Cloth Wrappers 49920 Covids or 34. 13½ of the best ends allowing the Company only 37 P[s]. ℔ Corge is Pagodas	1282 24 —	
And return the same as Sallempores 78 Corge at 20. 34. 34 Allumparra Pagod[s]. ℔ Corg is Allump[r]. Pag[s]. 1634. 20. 71 at 125 ℔ 100 Star Pag[s]. 1307. 29. 71.		
Brokerage thereon charged by you Allump[r]. Pag[s]. 39 is Star Pagodas	31 9 —	
		1339—[2]--[71]
WHY did you being in Chief trust thus charge the Company [with] this Transaction to their Loss .. .. besides leaving the short remnants in the Godown ?		56 14 71

As there was too large a Quantity of torn Long Cloths wrote off to Wrappers, I order'd the same to be torn out into Sallempores and to bring it to the Merch[ts]. Credit, they paying for the same. This has been practised Before my time, for the payment of which the Merchants offer'd M[r]. Croke the Money, which he did not Receive but told them that he was busy and bid them come another time M[r]. Croke ought to have made the above Calculation and received the money of them accordingly I accounted with them for no more than 1282. 24. according to M[r]. Crokes note, which I now enclose This sum I disposited [*sic*] in the Cash Chest for want of M[r]. Croke to adjust the same and bring it to his Account as cloth sold as usual, which he promised to do, but ever omitted it and put me off from month to month (altho a Consultation was made on purpose by his request in order for him to sell off the Packing Stuff and Wrappers, reserving a sufficient quantity for the Bales) till he had deliver'd in his Charge against me of the 18[th]. Sept[r]. with another Concerning the Packing Stuff and Wrappers.

As I never made the above Calculation my self but trusted entirely to the Merchants and Conicoply's and therefore cannot, I presume, be accountable for this transaction to the Company's Loss of Pag[s]. 56. 14. 71 which M[r]. Crook should have charged them for, so soon as he had seen it, and not to have left it in the manner he has done, and thereby to make it appear as a Charge against me As for the leaving the short remnants in the Godown it serves as well for Wrappers as any, considering the advantage that will accrue to the Company, by having Cloth of their own that is torn at the Wash and unfit to be sent home any other way, than by tearing it into Sallemp[rs]. which otherwise might lye in the Godown 'till it is rotten and spoil'd before it could be made use of for Wrappers.

How did you dispose of the remainder of those Wrappers torn into moorees and at what rate.

The remainder of the Long Cloth Wrappers that would not tare into Sallempores as above mention'd was most of it torn into the Length of Moorees with a design to send it Home M[r]. Croke having assured me it was good Cloth I was very much out of order all this time when he was the acting Person in the Warehouse & sorted himself 2 Bales to N[o]. 1 & 2. On my going to the Warehouse the 22[d]. of Dec[r]. I condemn'd them, as it would not answer in Goodness, and Afterwards took the whole upon my own account offering him Cloth equal to it both in goodness and value, to put in the room of it being Cor. 14 p[s]. 8⅝ which he did not receive, but suddenly put in

his Charge against me I sent Cor. 16 of it or 4 Corge of Long Cloth to Fort S^{t}. George by Cap^{t}. Taylor, which was sold there at 42 Pagodas ℔ Corge The remainder of it I sent by ship Lancester to Bengal in Jun

I am

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
NOV^{R}. 17TH. 1742.

WORSHIPF^{LL}. SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Serv^{t}.
AUG^{S}. BURTON.

TRANSLATE OF A CADJAN GIVEN BY ANDEAPAH'S CONICOPLY TO GRUA RAUZ REFERR'D TO BY M^{R}. BURTON IN HIS LETTER OF THE 17TH. NOV^{R}. 1742.

		Cor. p^{s}.				Pagod^{s}.	fan^{s}.	Ca
Octo^{r}. 13th.	Fine Cloth. .	–	9					
23^{d}.	D°. ..	2	10					
26	D°. ..	2	9	Cor. p^{s}.				
				5 8 at P^{s}. 62¼		336	5	32
Nov^{r}. 4	D°. ..	4	–					
9	D°. ..	1	12					
14	D°. ..	3	17					
17	D°. ..	1	–					
26	D°. ..	2	4					
				12 13 at 62¼		787	16	52
Dec^{r}. 10	D°. ..	6	15					
11	D°. ..	4	10					
12	D°. ..	4	–					
17	D°. ..	3	12					
18	D°. ..	–	18					
24	D°. ..	3	11					
29	D°. ..	6	18					
				30 4 at 62¼		1879	34	16
				48 5 P^{s}.					3003	20	20
				Brokerage at P : 1¼ ℔ C.					84	15	60
									3088	—	—
Oct^{r}. 7	Chinamanick-pollom.	2	8	at 44⅛ ℔ Corge..		107	3	48			
13	D°.	5	–	@ 47 ..		235	–	–			
23	D°.	1	6	@ 48 ..		62	14	32			
		Cor. p^{s}.									
		8	14						404	18	—
Dec^{r}. 2	D°.	11	11	@ 48 ℔ Corge..		554	21	23			
	D°.	1	10	@ 48½ ℔ D°. ..		72	27	–			
		13	1	.. ..					627	12	23
		Corge 21	15 p^{s}.	.. ..					1031	30	23
		Brokerage at P. 1 ℔ C ..		.. ..					21	27	—
									1053	21	23
Octo^{r}. 7th.	Agerum & Worriar-poll^{m}.	7	7	@ 44 ℔ Corge..		323	14	32			
Nov^{r}. 19	D°.	5	10								
30	D°.	5	2								
		10	12	@ 44½ ..		471	25	16			
Dec^{r}. 5	D°.	3	19								
18	D°.	8	10								
28	D°.	8	7								
30	D°.	2	14								
		23	10	@ 45 ℔ Corge..		1057	18	—			
		Corge 41	9 p^{s}.						1852	21	48
		Brokerage @ P 1 ℔ Corge..							41	16	16
									1894	1	64

TRANSLATE OF A CADJAN GIVEN BY ANDEAPAH'S CONICOPLY TO GRUA RAUZ REFERR'D TO BY MR. BURTON IN HIS LETTER OF THE 17TH. NOVR. 1742—*cont.*

								'agodˢ. fanˢ. ca.		
		Cor.	Pˢ.							
Novr. 29th.	Handkercheifs.	6	1							
5	D°.	7	3							
17	D°.	3	11							
30	D°.	23	5							
		Cor.								
		40	— is							
		24	—	at P 13¼ ℔ Corge.			318	—	—	
		16	—	@ 13. 5. 48 ℔ D°.			210	17	44	
										528 17 44
				Brokerage at ¼ ℔ Corge ..						10 — —
										538 17 44
		Cor.	Pˢ.							
Decr. 5th.	Long Cloth Midlˢ. Blew.	2	7							
17	D°.	1	10							
30	D°.	8	3							
		Cor.		fa.						
			12 at Star P	38	12 ℔ Corˢ.		460	—	—	
			Dying Cooley @ 12		℔ D°.		144	—	—	
										604 — —

To AUGUSTUS BURTON ESQR.

SIR

I am order'd by the Commissary and provisional Deputy Governour and Council to acquaint you they have received your Answers of the 17th. Instt. to their Queres of the 14th. and that upon Examining of them they are lead to make some remarks as foundations for the following Queres.

You say you never received any particular account of the prices of of [*sic*] the Cloth but that given you by Grua Rauze after he gave the Annual Account Current.

This seems to the Board to be no more than Sheltering your self under the lesser Censure of having been extreamly Negligent and remiss in a most Essential part of your duty and at a most certical [*sic*] time When the Coin was continually debasing, and the Cloth as Constantly raising, rather than Expose your self to the greater one of having been privy to Grua Rauze's manner of making out the prices he gave you with or after the Annual Account Current wherein the Deceit lay.

That you were made acquainted from time to time with the true prices of all Cloths and always Except of the Salem, before the middle of the Next month after it was sorted, Nella Tomby &cª. Merchants declare to be fact, sometimes by the mouth of Grua Rauze some times thrō Ramah Company's Dubash or any body who happen'd to be present that could talk English, and when none such were, Nella Tomby says he himself has told you in English but supposing it to be as you say

WHY did you not Immediately Object to the prices that were given you by Grua Rauze with the Annual Account Current or whenever you received them as they differ'd so widely from what passed in Consultation in September, what was then wrote to Madrass and from the Warehousekeepʳˢ. Account for that Month, Instead of Erasing that Account to make it agree with what you call the Prices given you by Grua Rauze or

WHY did you under whose Inspection and Management. this Affair more Immediately Came, let it lye Dorment so long After you received the prices as you say from Grua Rauze even untill Mr. Crokes charge Exibited against you the 18th. Septr. received and Exposed it.

That you were privy and consenting to Grua Rauze making up the prices in the manner you say he did seems to the Board to be something more than presumtion [*sic*] only, from the following circumstanc^{s}. Viz^{t}.

You declare in one part of your Answer that you never dealt with the Merchants for the sum of Pag^{s}. 5397. 28. 64, nor ever promis'd them to pay that sum into the Company's Cash in part of their Ballance, nor know any thing of the Pago^{s}. 2090. 28. 64.

The Board cant help observing hereupon that if you mean you never delt [*sic*] with Nella Tomby &c^{a}. Merchants for Exactly that sum of Pagodas 5397. 28. 64 or make any distinction because Star or Allumparah Pagodas was not specified, they think it but a poor Evasion and unnecessary lengthening both of Trouble and time, for by an Account Current deliver'd them by Nella Tomby &c^{a}. Merchants and setled with Grua Rauze by your Order Copy of which is Enclosed to you, it appears that on sundry dealings with them the Ballance of Exactly the sum of Allumparah Pagodas 5397. 28. 64 was due to them from you and by giving themselves Credid [*sic*] in their Account with the Company for that sum as they affirm you promised to do their Ballance with the Company agrees Exactly with that Account kept by you or Grua Rauze thõ they have Credit therefore no more than 3307 paid in by you for them in part of their Ballance deducting which sum of 3307 from the Ballance of your Private Account with them 5397. 28. 64 there will remain Exactly the sum of Pag^{s}. 2090. 28. 64 due to them from you on that Account and is the Very Sum you say you know nothing of but it being unluckily discover'd that the sum surcharged upon the Cloth in the Account kept by you or Grua Rauze is Exactly that sum of Pag^{s}. 2090. 28. 64 as stated in the Queres sent you the 5th. and set to Ballance the short Credit given the Merchants in those Accounts of so much. The Board require you to Answer.

fa Ca.

If at any time or in any other manner you have made good to Nella Tomby &c^{a}. Merchants the said sum of Pago^{s}. 2090. 28. 64 which appears yet due to them on the Ballance of your Private Account with them as you have Credited them in the Company's only Pag^{s}. 3307. For the Board think it highly Improbable that so large a difference on so small Negotations [*sic*] in a private Account of yours should be adjusted by Grua Rauze with the Companys without your knowledge privity or Consent. Nella Tomby &c^{a}. making no demand either on you or the Company for the said difference of Pag^{s}. 2090. 28. 64.

After having yourself in M^{r}. Crokes Name represented to the Board that there was an Extraordinary Quantity of torn Cloth for Wrappers and desired an Order of Consultation for the publick disposal thereof you tell us In Answer to the Queres relating thereto, that you order'd, the torn Cloth to be torn into Salampores and Carried to the Merchants Credit which you say was no more than was practised before your time and this we apprehend to have been done in Consequence of the Order for the Publick Sale of the torn Cloth and of that only which was unfit for the Company in the first Place we dont understand what you mean by saying you Order'd it to be carried to the Merchants Credit, the Cloth being at that time the Companys nor did we ever know or hear of any such method practised before. The method before being to Credit Long Cloth by Wrappers for the amount of the torn Cloth and Afterwards Wrappers by the head of Salampores for what of it was taken in under that denomination, whereas by the method taken by you it plainly appears the Company have been wrong'd in the sum of Pagodas 56. 14. 71 reckoning the Allumparah Pag^{s}. at 25 ℔ Cent discount the utmost ever pretended to be Charged by the Merchants And if you was no more Concern'd in the Affair of the Wrappers than you seem to say, Besides the Extraordinary method of the proceedings.

How Came you to permit the Merchants to Charge the Sallampores to the Company at the rate of Allumparah Pagodas 20. 34. 34 ℔ Corge besides fan^{s}. 18 ℔ Corge Brokerage thereon when you knew the Company had or was to receive no more than 37 Star Pagodas per Corge for the Long Cloth, and on which the Merchants had before been paid their Brokerage.

And how Came you to Debt them (the Merchants) in your private account for that same 78 Corge of Salampores at the rate of 21 Allam̃ Pag^{s}. ℔ Corge besides fan^{s}. 18 ℔ Corge brokerage makes 21. 18. — & amounts to Allum̃ Pag^{s}. 1677 for which sum they Credit you in their Account Current now deliver'd us, which they declare to be a just one and what they personaly setled with Grua Rauze who told them it was by your order.

But lastly Since you declare your self Innocent and lay all the deceit in these Transaction to the Charge of Grua Rauze

Why did you not call him with his Cadjans before the board the 18 Sept^{r}. when M^{r}. Croke Exibited his charge against you or if you secured the Cadjans as you say you did as soon as the Consultation was over.

Why did you not deliver them Immediately to Secretary and order him to summon a Consultation in order to their being publickly Translated and Examined instead of admitting him (Grua Rauze) to many very long and private Conferences with you at the Garden House till the time he went off and instead of keeping by You Conceal'd what you call his Cadjans till after he was gone, This the Board apprehends does not look as if you thought your self so Ill used by him as you would endeavour to make it appear for.

Why moreover if he (Grua Rauze) was the only guilty one, did you not prevent his Flight by securing his person as well as Cadjans, This you ought in Justice to the Company to have done as a fraud in their Affairs, became apparent by the disagreement of their Accounts and no less for your own Justification if it lay upon upon [*sic*] him and this you might have done as tis well known he attended you almost daily from 18th. Sept^{r}. when M^{r}. Croke produced his charge against you and you say you secured his cadjans till the begining of October when he Absconded.

The Board Expects your answer.

I am

Fort S^{t}. David
20th. Nov^{r}. 1742.

Sir
Your most humble Serv^{t}.
Will$_{m}$. Holt
Secry.

Dr. Augustus Burton Esqr. Cr.

1741								
		Cor.				Cor. ps.		
Octr.	To Long Cloth Chinnamanaickp: at P. 41½ ℔ Corge	33		1369 18 —	Decr.	By Long Cloth Chinnamanickp. at Pags. 50 ℔ Corge	14 17	Pags. 742 18 —
Novr.	To D°. at P 42½ ℔ Corge	13 19	Pags. 592 31 40			Brokerage at P. 1 ℔ Corge		14 30 48
	Ditto	32 8 at 41½ ...	1344 21 48	1937 17 8				757 12 48
		46 7				By Salampores Ordinary 78 Corge at Pags. 21 ℔ Corge		1638 — —
Decr.	To Ditto	14 13 at 41½ ...	607 35 8			Brokerage at fas. 18 ℔ Corge		39 — —
	Ditto	26 16 at 40 ...	1072 — —					1677 — —
		41 9		1679 35 8				2434 12 48
						By Ballance		.. 5397 28 64
	To Dying Conjs. &cs. on 120 Pags. ℔ Corge	Cor. ps. 16 at 14		1691 7 16				
	To Long Cloth Midling for ye. Dye Corge in half peices at Pags. 21 ℔ Corge	50		1050 — —				
	To Cash paid him			104 — —				
			Allumb Pags.	7832 5 32			Allumb Pags.	7832 5 32

Fort St. David Novr. 18th. 1742. Sign'd by { Nella Tomby. Irshepah Chitty. Shacup Tomby.

To the Worshipfull Will^m. Monson Esq^r.
Commissary [and] Provisional Depity [*sic*] Gov^r. &c^a. Council
of Fort S^t. David.

Worship^ll. Sir & Sirs

M^r. Burton's answer to the Queres of the 14^th. read to the Board the 18^th. Instant and the Perticulars enquired into by your Worship &c^a. as they were found to contain nothing sufficient against the evident Proofs of my Books and Vouchers of the Alterations and overcharges, made by him, and which have been examined and approved by your Worship &c^a. Therefore as I am not required, I think it not necessary, to take any Notice of them especially as it would be only a repetition of what the Merchants and I have already deliver'd in But as M^r. Burton has made use of my Name in the transaction of the Long Cloth Wrappers, by setting forth the same in a Deceitfull mañer suggesting thereby as if I had Sold, or Contracted for the same with the Merchants by saying The Merchants offer'd M^r. Croke Payment for the same, which he did not receive, but told them he was very busy and bid them come another time To which I must answer that true it is when M^r. Burton was apprehensive that this transaction wou'd come to light by the Accounts of Cloth brought in, being sent for by the Hoñble President and Council of Fort S^t. George that he then Craftily designing to shift it upon the Merchants, and me, sent Nella Tomby about the 14^th. of Sept^r. to me who told me if I would give him a receipt for the Cloth M^r. Burton ow'd for he wou'd pay me, but as I conceiv'd his design in this and as I had no concern with Nella Tomby so I defer'd him with an excuse of business expecting to receive Directions from the Honourable President of Fort S^t. George who I had some months before advis'd of M^r. Burton's having taken the good Cloth from the Torn Wrappers, and from whome I received a Letter about a few days after Nella Tomby had been with me, acquainting me that if M^r. Burton offer'd payment for the wrappers I might expect it that my provious [*sic*] advice to him shou'd be my security which Occasion'd me to Request Payment in my Report when I enter'd in my charge against M^r. Burton of the 18 of Sept^r. M^r. Burton again says M^r. Croke ought to have made a Calculation of the Pag^s. 56. 14. 71 transacted to the Company's Loss; and to have received the money from the Merchants accordingly I accounted (says he) for no more than Pag^s. 1282. 24. — according to M^r. Croke's Note enclosed. I answer hereto, that M^r. Burton Artfully Represents again, as if I had sold the Cloth to the Merchants and had made a Mistake in Calculating the Companys charges Pag^s. 56. 14. 71 whereas I said before I had no dealings with the Merchants and as they themselves declared in Consultion [*sic*] of the 18^th. Instant before your Worship &c^a. that they knew nothing of the Wrappers Affair, and as I said in my former Report when M^r. Burton had taken the good Cloth from the Torn wrote off to Wrappers, my business was to see as good cloth in the place of it as he had promised or for paym^t. for the same at the rate of Wrappers at 37 Star Pag^s. ℔ Corge Since he did not bring the cloth to the Company's account in the manner I would have had him referring all further demands to the Honourable President and Council of Fort S^t. George as I did in my Report of the 18^th. Sept^r. and had I been slack for my Hoñble Masters Interest in this cause I should have Comply'd with M^r. Burton's Subtle arguments used in his letters I now produce, for me to have taken 37 Allumparah Pagodas instead of 37 Star Pagodas by which he would have gain'd Pag^s. 580. 17. 76 upon the article of Salampores and Long Cloth for Packing Stuff only; but on the Contrary of this I doubt not but it appears plainly the Pag^s. 56. 14. 71 to have been an overcharge of M^r. Burton's by ordering the Salampores to be charged the Hoñble Company as brown Cloth brought in by the Merchants with brokerage and Vindecating the same when the Accounts of the Merchants Cloths brought in were sent for to Fort S^t. George and which is agreeable to his strenuous argument us'd in the Accompanying Letter received from him as aforesaid, that it wou'd be preposterous in him to serve the Company to his own disadvantage at the same time endeavouring to persuade me to comply to the Company's suffering a Loss of Pag^s. 580. 17. 76.

M^r. Burton further represents in his own words that he had deposited the Cash for the Wrappers in the Chest for want of M^r. Croke to adjust the same and bring it to Account of Cloth sold as usual which he promised to do but ever omitted it, and

put me off from Month to Month (although a Consultation was made on purpose by his request in order for him to sell off the Packing Stuff, and Wrappers, reserving a suffecient Quantity for the Bales) ' Till he had deliver'd in his Charge against me of the 18th. Septr. with another Concerning the Wrappers and Packing stuff.

Herein Mr. Burton wou'd have it thought that from the Month of December (or speedily after) which was the time he had brought the Salampores to Accot. that he had then disposited [*sic*] the money in the Cash Chest, the truth of which will appear plain for first it was the Latter end of May when he sent the accompanying Letter, and therein he gives me a promisury Note to bring in as good Cloth, or pay, as wou'd appear by the Companys Books charg'd therefore it is clear he had not at that time Deposited any money on that Account Next it was the 18th. of Septr. as aforesaid when I made my Request to the Board for payment and even then it appears no such sum was Deposited, for if he had he woud certainly have intimated to the Board at that time on the Contrary he then promised, he wou'd deposite it in the Chest and to the same purpose mention'd it in the General Letter at that time but made no mention he had for some time before deposited it, which had it been so, he wou'd not it is to be believed omitted; as for his intimating I put him off from Month to Month, I declare Mr. Burton never offer'd me payment, Thō as your Worship &ca. may perceive by the accompanying Letter I had Solicited him for Cloth, or Payment, and how he evades coming to Account, desiring it may lye dormant till the Books were adjusted of the Star, & Allumparah Pagodas at the same time laying the scheme for an order for a Quantity of Wrappers to be dispos'd off which he put in execution the 17th. July in that Report which Mr. Burton was pleased to say was my Request and which I only sign'd as agreeable to an order of that Nature, as I had at that time advis'd the Hoñble President of Fort St. George and I believe some of the Gentlemen of Council here, well remember, I refused signing the first Report till a further Consideration (that I had preadvis'd the Hoñble President the whole affair and Mr. Burton had alter'd some articles I had disapproved of) I Judg'd it then cou'd not be any ways to my detriment.

Mr. Burton further says in respect to the Moories, that he was out of order at that time these were sorting, and that I was the acting Person in the Warehouse and that the 22d. of December he Condemn'd them.

It is true Mr. Graham, and I, were sorting them, and that in Mr. Burtons Presence thō he says he was sick at that time, and we thought he design'd them for the Company but finding they were not fine enough for that denomination, we rejected them and not that Mr. Burton Condemn'd them, on the contrary he wou'd have had us to have sign'd the Bale Notes which we refus'd. As to his having offer'd me cloth in the room of this Long Cloth he did produce me once in May or June last two or three peices, as Musters but so wretched thin, and bad I cou'd not Accept them as to what else Mr. Burton offers in regard to the Short remnants I referr to your Worships &ca. Consideration and hope I have made it appear and as Mr. Burton owns in the Accompaning [*sic*] Letter that he took that quantity of Long Cloth out of the Warehouse, and Promised to be accountable for the same so that as he did not bring in Cloth, all I coud do was to charge him agreeable to an order in Consultation of the 19th.of May 1741 for all goods of the Hoñble Company's to be sold for Star Pagodas referring further demands to the Honourable President & Council for what overcharge Mr. Burton made upon it and likewise the short remnants, and beg leave to remain with respect

FORT St. DAVID — WORSHll. SIR & SIRS

NOVEMBR. 20TH 1742. — Your most Obedient Humble. Servt.
Sign'd EDWD. CROKE.

SIR

I received your Letter last Night which I should have answer'd directly, notwithstandg. I had Company with me, if Pen Ink and Paper had been in the way it being an Affair of that Importance both to your self and me, that I sincerely think

that it would not admit of delay altho my Books is fully set forth at large in this Article which you have due Credit which can only be a Satisfaction to my self and therefore You are thoroughly excused [*sic*] in making so just a Demand and I would not omit a moment of time of doing it, so soon as my Eyes were open this morning.

If your Books were regularly kept [. . .] would find your Error in cha[. . .] taken out of the Warehouse, chiefly for the service of the Company, and most of this Cloth was given them for their own use for which I am answerable to deliver in the like Quantity and the Prices they will come out when the Allumparah Pagodas and Star Pagodas are duely adjusted you will then find that it will be Allumpara Pagodas that I am indebted and not Star for it would be propostrous in me to endeavour to serve the Company so considerably to my own disadvantage if I was to pay the sum you proposed: Therefore I chose to let it lye dormant for a little while longer till the Books were adjusted, that the same Quantity may be order'd to be disposed off and thereby no detriment may arise by it either to the Company or my self, I have also contracted with the Merchants to bring in the like qua[ntity] and off [*sic*] the same sort at 46 or 47 Allumparra P[agodas] ℔ Corge, which I expect it will be brought in [this] Month which will intirely settle this affair between us in the meantime you have now my receipt for the Quantity.

I hereby promise to be ac[count]able to Mr. Edward Croke Warehousekr. sixty Cor[ge] Nineteen peices of Long Cloths to be deliver'd [in] in speice, or to pay him for the same as it [would] appear it stands in the Company's Book [s for] full amount thereof Witness my hand in [. . .] this 21st. Day of May 1742.

Sign'd Augs. [Burton.]

To the Worshipfull Willm. Monson Esqr.
Commissary & Provisional Deptv. Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshll. Sir & Sirs

I received by your order Mr. Secry. Holt's Letter of the 20th. to which I would have Reply'd according to your order had I any thing more to say than what I have already set forth in my former papers.

I am
Fort St. David
23d. November 1742.

Worshll. Sir & Sirs
Your Obedient Servt.
Augs. Burton.

Know all Men by these Present that Whereas I Augustus Burton have given a note under my hand to Pandarum Moodelaire Son of, and Commonly called Andiapah for three thousand 3000 Pags. bearing Date the 28th. Day of Septr. 1742 and payable in four months from that Day with Interest I do hereby for his better security of the payment of the said sum & the Interest [. . .] and Block as [owner at] respondentia on [. . .] what manner soever I have any interest [in] said Briggantine Fanny that shall be due thereon assign and make over unto him the said Pandarum Moodelaire or Andeapah all my Concerns in and upon the Brigantine Fanny Capt. Andrew Monro Comr. and lest any accident should happen to the said Brigantine Fanny or Damage to her Cargo or from whatever measures or means soever my Concerns at above in her should not produce sufficient fully to discharge the said sum of three thousand 3000 Pags. with the Interest that shall be due thereon. I do hereby further oblige my self my Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns to pay and make good the Deficiency out of what other Estate or Effects I may be possessed of, that full and true payment may be made [. . .] thousand 3000 Pagodas with the Interest that shall be due thereon to

the said Pandarum Moodelaire or Andeapah or his Assigns In Witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal in Fort S^{t}. David this 23^{d}. Day of Nov^{r}. 1742.

Witness
ROB^{T}. SLOPER.
W^{M}. DE MORGAN.

AUG^{S}. BURTON.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL WILLIAM MONSON ESQ^{R}.
COMMISSARY AND PROVISIONAL DEP^{TY}. GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

WORSHIP^{LL}. SIR & SIRS

Agreable to your Orders we this day in Company with Andiapah, waited on M^{r}. Burton and Acquainted him with the story about 3000 Pagodas said to be advanc'd by him to Andiapah which he acknowledged to be true so far as related to the Conicoply but insisted that Andeapah had Consented to lend him the money for about 2 M^{o}. This Andeapah denyed and said that all the Answer he gave him on his desireing it was that he was unacquainted with the Affair but would go home and Ask his Conicoply about it when he would resolve him which when he had done, he immediately sent his Concoply [*sic*] to M^{r}. Burton wth. his Notes and orders to insist on Payment of the money.

We then told M^{r}. Burton that as it appear'd to us Andeapah had no ways consented to lend him that money, We had Orders to demand the immediate Payment thereof. This he franckly confess'd to us it [was] not in his power to Comply with.

Whereupon We represented [. . .] Uncertainty of a floating security and [. . .] think [*a line lost*] reply'd hat [*sic*] he could think of none and desir'd if we had any method to propose we would let him know it, when we mention'd Insuring on the Brigantine, which we readily came into and immediately gave us the accompanying Letter to M^{r}. Savage who is his Attorney in Madrass, to desire he will insure for him to the amount of 4000 Pagodas on the Brigantine.

Upon this we desir'd he would produce vouchers of his being concern'd to that amount on the Brigantine Whereto he reply'd, that he had no others to produce than the Invoice and his Books, that the Invoice had been sent up to M^{r}. Savage some time past and he questioned if he should be able to find a Coppy of it we than desir'd he would favour us with a sight of his Books He accordingly produc'd them being in his own writing & show'd us a Head of Voyage to the Eastward ℔ Brigantine Fanny Cap^{t}. Munro the debtor side of which we cast up and found to amount to Pagodas ... ... 10990 exclusive of some odd fanams, to which is to be added a Concern of P^{s}. 1000 lately taken by him of M^{r}. Croke but not as yet enter'd in his Books 1000

Will make the debt side ...	11990
From which deduct the amount of y^{e}. Credit side ...	6500
The remains is Concern P^{s}. ...	5490

and which he declar'd to us to be a just & true account.

We finally [*sic*] represented to him that as the Note given by him to Andeapah was worded in so loose a manner as it was thought would admit of a dispute in case of any accident happening to himself We therefore in order to the strengthning of it desird of him to sign the Accompanying acknowledgement which he very readily did.

We hope our proceedings will meet with your approbation and are

WORSHIPLL. SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient Servants

[FORT ST.] DAVID
[. . .]

ROBERT ALLEN.
WILLM. HOLT.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO FORT ST. GEORGE.

No. 1 General Letter to the Honourable & Council dated November 23d. 1742.
2 Copy of a Letter to Augs. Burton Esqr. dated Novr. 17th. 1742.
3 Copy of a Letter from Augs. Burton Esqr. dated Novr. 17th. 1742.
4 Translate of a Cadjan referr'd to by Mr. Burton in his Letter of the 17th. Novr. 1742.
5 Copy of a Letter to Augs. Burton Esqr. dated Novr. 20th. 1742.
6 Accot. Current between Nella Tomby &ca. Merchants and Augs. Burton Esqr. dated Novr. 18th. 1742 referr'd to in a Letter to Augs. Burton Esqr. dated Novr. 20th. 1742.
7 Copy of Mr. Croke's Reply concerning Torn Cloth and Wraps. Dated Novr. 20th. 1742.
8 Copy of Mr. Burton's Letter to Mr. Croke dated May 21st. 1742 and referr'd to by Mr. Croke in his Reply concerns. Torn Cloth & Wrappers dated Novr. 20t . 1742.
9 Copy of a Letter from Augs. Burton Esqr. dated Novr. 23d. 1742.
10 Copy of an Assignment executed by Mr. Burton the 23d. of November 1742.
11 Messrs. Allen & Holts report relating to Andeapah's affair with Mr. Burton.
12 List of the Packet.

No 117.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CT. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

It gives us the greatest Concern to begin this Letter with acquainting your Honours &ca. what little hopes we have of encreasing the Chemanaickp[ollam] Investment for the January Ships In Consulta[tion] the 30th. Ultº. We consider'd the time of their [. . .] drew near, and observing the Merchan[ts] [. . .] in none of that Cloth since September [. . .] We sent for Nella Tomby &ca. before the Board and asked them why they had not brought in any Chinamanickpollam Cloth these last two Months when so large a Ballance was in their hands, and what quantity we might expect by the Middle of January ? they said if what they had brought in last was not to our satisfaction, they fear'd they c[ould] give us little for near those two Months to Come for that Cotton [was] very dear and that the Looms in the Country were all set and the Wea[vers] at work upon the same sort of Cloth, We were sensible of the Present high price of Cotton (upwards of 40 Pagodas ℔ Candy) and admitted that might something enhance the Price of good Cloth, but told them the last parcel referr'd to was not only the Dearest, but by very the worst the [*sic*] had ever) brought in the Difference together for beyond all proportion with the rise of Cotton that as they were the principal Buyers of that sort of Cloth, the Fabrick in a manner became under their Direction and the fault therefore in that Instance was in themselves or their Agents for setting the Weavers to work upon so very bad a one as the last, and what they say was now upon the Loom That

if the fault was not in themselves they would do well to change their Country Brokers or look better after them and then repr[esent] to them with some warmth that if they expected the Companys Favour they must alter their late measures, for that the Compa[nys] design in advancing them money was not for [. . .] Cloth that they knew must be turn'd out and that we expected they would quickly mend their Hands or pay in their Ballances [They] assured us it was not their fault that the Cloth was so bad now that they would do their utmost to get as soon as possible such as [would] give the Company satisfaction but could not hope to accomplish [it] till towards the end of January, nor answer for the prices then We told them there was reasons to believe some great mismanagement, say no worse some where charged them to correct it in Future and Dismissed them.

We are very sensible what a disappointment a Deffeciency of Chenamanaick-pollam Cloth as might have been ex[pected] from September to January will be to our Honourable Masters [. . .] we wish we could have prevented without accepting and encouraging the basest Manufacture, but from what has passed, We have [only] to hope that we shall next Year reap the Good fruits of [our] Patience and forbearance now.

Our General Books for last Year come herewith, and the Accountant's State of the Revenues enclosed.

We are with respect

HoñBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Obedient Servants

WILLIAM MONSON.
EDWD. CROKE.
JOHN GRAHAM.
ROBERT ALLEN.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT.

FORT ST. DAVID.
[. .]th. DECR. 1742.

LIST OF BALES

	Bales
At the washers	102½
At the Beaters	37½
At the Dyers	24
Embal'd	237
Bales	401

No. 118.

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHD. BENYON ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &Cr. COUNL. OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HoñBLE SIR & SIRS

The 7th. Instant we received your Honours &ct. Favour of the 4th. accompanying a Warrant of Arrest againt. Mr. Burton which was served upon him the same day by Mr. Graham to whom it came directed by the Sheriff He has since made all expedition possible to leave this Place and set out this day at noon attended by 30 Peons.

The 4th. We received Ten thousand Pagodas by Peons which Turned out right.
We are with Respect

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Obedient Se[rvt.]
WILLM. [HOLT].

FORT ST. DAVID
DECR. 10TH. 1742.

No. 119.

TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

We herewith enclose to your Honr. &ct. our Accounts of Expences for October Consultations and Cash Account for last month Ballance whereof is in Pagodas Fanams & Cash Eighteen Thousand six hundred sixty five Pagodas twenty three Fanams and 60 Cash 18665. 23. 60. Enclosed is likewise the Warehousekeepers Account of Cloth brought in by the Merchants in November.

Mr. Smith arrived here the 10th. Instant and will shortly be employed in some station where he will be most usefull.

We are with respect
FORT ST. DAVID
DECR. 15TH. 1742.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Obedient Servants
WILLIAM MONSON.
EDWD. CROKE.
JOHN GRAHAM.
ROBERT ALLEN.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT.

No. 120.

RICHARD BENYON ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

I have received your Letter dated the 2d. November.

The Company's Bales were not damag'd tho the Jennys Leaks prov'd such as requird a repair which she has now had and According to your Orders she shall be dispatched as soon as possible.

The English Factory at Matchlapatam being very much decay'd and several of the Inhabitants there complaining daily of the danger they are expos'd to should it fall I humbly desire your orders for pulling it down not only to remove their apprehensions but to save the Wood and other Materials part of which might be advantagiously employ'd in repairing the Company's Godowns there which are still fit for Use.

The Ordering a Vessell that has the Bales of this Place on board to call in at Metchlapatam for the Chay Goods there may be attended with a delay in rounding Due Point, and as they may be easily brought here when wash'd, in Vessells that Usually come from thence along shore by the [. . .] the Land Winds in Novemr. and Decemr. I also beg your Honour [&ct's.] Permission for that purpose.

Along with this are the Books for the Year and enclosed the Journal Parcells and Cash Accounts for October and Novem[r].

I am with the greatest Respect

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient and most humble Servant
JOHN HALLYBURTON.

MADDAPOLLAM
THE 6TH. D[EC[R]. 1742].

No. 121.

[TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ[R].
PRES]IDENT AND GOVERN[R]. &C[T]. COUNCIL OF FORT S[T]. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

We shall now to Reply at large to your favour Rec̄d ℔ ship Walpole under date the 17th. August and are therefore to Inform your hon[r]. &c[t]. The several Farms at this Place Ending Ultimo April last was put up at Publick Outcry the 1st. of May and bought in by the following Persons and a Cowle given them for two years.

Beetle, Tobacco and Juncan	
Bought by Codandrum at Rupees ℔ Annum R[s].	1760
Parrar Arrack bought in by Cooloor Tomanah at	300
Measuring Duty by Latchmadoo at	80
Oyl duty by Shemandre &c[t]. at	62
Bang Duty by Jangum and Signaree at	10
Manhila Makers Narrain and Bomdoo at	16

and the Profit arrising to the several Farms are as follows—

The Beetle and Tobacco for which the Farmer is to receive [upon] every Bund[le] of Beetle he sets the Natives 2 dubs Profit and to the Companys Servants 1 d[ub] and for every [seer] of Tobacco he sets the Natives 6 dubs [and to the Companys] Servants 4 dubs, and as Juncaneer He receives for [every load] of Paddy [Natchenee] brought into this Place and

[. . . .] here ℔ [. . . .]...	8	Annas.
[. . . .] [. . . .]...	8	Dubs.
Upon Condaloo	6	do.
Upon Natchenee and Horse Gram	5	
Upon Rice Brought into Town by Asses	5	
Upon Natchenee and Small Grain by Asses...	3	
Upon Oyl and Butter for every Rupee in Value	3	
Upon Coarse Clouts brought into Town from the Chandys ...	2	
Upon fine Clouts for every Rupee in Value	3	
Upon Turmarick and Jaggerey D[o]. in Value	4½	

	Rs.	An[s].	
Upon all Grains Exported at this Place by the Natives or black Merchants	1	10	℔ Cent.
Upon all Grains Export from this Place by the Natives or black Merchants	2	8	℔ Cent.

Upon [*a line lost*]
Vessells 5 ℔ Cent.

N.B.—The Merchants Importing Stores from Fort St. George are exempted from th[is].

Upon every Slave Sold in Town Two Rupees.

Upon the Devils feasts four Annas.

Upon Every house sold in Town for every Rupee in Value Three Dubs.

Upon every Bed of Small Grain sowed upon the Hills to the Southward in this district of this Place One Rupee Each Bed.

Upon Every bed of small Grain to the Northward 8 Annas.

N.B.—The Farmer for receiving this Custom on Grain Sown upon the Hills is obliged to keep a Boat to Ferry all Passengers Over the River Graties [*sic*].

2d. The Parrar Arrack Farmer.

He is Obliged to sell 8 Bottles of Arrack for One Rupee and his Profit and Loss Encreases or decreases According to the Number of Ihhabitants [*sic*] and more Particularly the Military men at this Place The late Increase whereof Raised this Farm 100 Rup^{s}. ℔ Annum more than it let for many Years past.

3d. The Farmer of the Measuring Duty.

He receives One Chuncham upon every Garce of Grain Imported or Exported at or from this Place by the Natives or Black Merchants and upon every Ox Load brought into this Place by the Natives or Black Merchants One Measure upon every Cart Load Six Measures.

4thly. The Farmer of the Oyl Duty.

He receives upon every Cowery of Oil brought into Town by the Natives or black Merchants One Quarter of a Measure.

5thly. The Farmer of the Bang Duty.

He has the sole Liberty of selling Bang in this Place and therefore sells the same for what price the Natives are pleased to give him. The Proffits arrising there from We believe in the Whole Year doth hardly Afford Rice for the Family after he hath paid the Company's Customs.

6thly. The Manhilla Maker.

This Farm as well as the Bang Duty is much the same As to the Proffit gained thereby.

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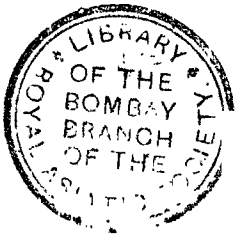

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